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Dayan, on way to U.S., warns Cairo truce must be mutual

LOD AIRPORT. — Defence Minister Moshe Dayan warned yesterday that Egypt's continued violations of the cease-fire agreement were "intolerable" and could not remain one-sided indefinitely.

"A cease-fire is either observed by both parties or, eventually, *it disintegrates*," he told reporters before leaving here for Washington yesterday afternoon. He took off on a non-scheduled flight, accompanied by his wife and an aide.

Mr. Dayan called the Egyptian cease-fire violations "savagery" and added that they were part of a "policy directed from high up."

Asked whether he would bring up the matter during his talks in Washington, Mr. Dayan said he did not believe complaining to the Americans was the way to solve the problem. "We can solve the problem of Egypt's behaviour in the field by direct talks with them or by attacking the problem in the field itself," he said.

Mr. Dayan noted that Israel's representatives in Geneva have raised the subject of the repeated Egyptian cease-fire violations, and that he himself had broached it at his meeting earlier this week with the commander of the U.N. Emergency Force, General Ensio Siilasvuo.

The Defence Minister said his talks with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger would revolve around the Geneva conference, with special emphasis on the ongoing disengagement talks. He said he would also confer with Defence Secretary James Schlesinger on military purchases.

Kissinger hopeful for disengagement

By IRA SILVERMAN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

SAN CLEMENTE, California. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said here yesterday: "Unless there has been a change of view, which I don't believe, I expect there can be good progress" in the Geneva talks on Israel-Egyptian troop disengagement. Prof. Kissinger was speaking of his meeting today with Moshe Dayan at a news conference at the Western White House, after conferring with President Nixon. He is slated to meet with the Defence Minister at a working lunch today.

Asked about the effect of the Israel elections on the Geneva talks, Kissinger stated: "I don't believe the elections will have any effect on the talks that are now going on with respect to disengagement, because there has been a broad consensus in Israel that those talks can proceed even before a new government is formed."

He added, however, that what effect the elections will have on progress towards an ultimate settlement will depend on the formation of a new Cabinet, and the negotiations that are now going on between the parties.

Dr. Kissinger would not predict a timetable for completion of the disengagement talks. "But it has always been understood," *he said*, "that after the elections the talks can accelerate." He indicated that progress could be made *this month*, but added "I am not predicting that there will be a solution during the month of January."

The Secretary reacted with annoyance to a question implying that his meeting with Dayan indicates that American policy is too tied to the Israel position. "We have conducted our policy in the Middle East by talking at great length with all of the parties concerned," he said. "We have discussed our ideas about a settlement in exactly the same terms with every one of the parties involved, every Arab country is aware of Dayan's visit, and I have every reason to believe that they welcome the American pursuit of progress toward a settlement."

In summarizing his view of the disengagement discussions on the eve of Mr. Dayan's visit, Dr. Kissinger said: "There is a good possibility of progress in the separation of forces talks." He declared that disengagement will be "a good bridge into the general peace talks that will of course continue."

He noted that President Nixon has said the chances of peace in the Middle East are better than they have been in the last 25 years, but added, "This does not mean the negotiations will not be difficult or painful at times."

Kissinger again branded the Arab oil embargo against the U.S. as "increasingly inappropriate," and called for a joint energy action group among consumer nations. He refused to link a lifting of the embargo to progress in the Geneva

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Labour-Aguda talks may yield short-term coalition gov't

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — *Unofficial* coalition negotiations between the Labour Alignment and the Aguda Front, begun before the elections, are going on now with greater intensity, it was learned here last night.

This is in keeping with a plan emerging among the Labour leadership's dominant dovish wing to set up a narrow coalition without Labour's present National Religious Party partner but with the Aguda and the Independent Liberals. This would have an exceedingly narrow majority, but could survive by virtue of the votes of the Alignment's Arab M.K.s and the small leftist and Communist factions.

According to well-informed Labour sources, the coalition would be allowed to stay in office for six months to a year, after which new elections could be held on the basis of a likely compromise settlement emerging at the Geneva conference.

The Aguda demands include the Ministry for Religious Affairs, which would enable them to impose their ultra-orthodox rabbinate in various parts of the country. Labour sources last night said the party was "less demanding" than the NRP, and certainly more amenable on the question of territorial compromise in Judea and Samaria.

The problem is how to cope with the far-reaching religious demands of the Aguda leaders. These include prohibiting the call-up of religious girls, changing the "Who's a Jew" legislation in keeping with the strictest orthodox ruling, outlawing post-mortems, ending Saturday morning TV, and greater restrictions on Sabbath traffic. Labour's Independent Liberal partners, who cleave to a firm line against religious coercion, are not likely to welcome this package.

Leading NRP sources dismissed the idea as an attempt by the Labour leadership to soften them up. "I'd like to see the Labour Party decide to pull out of Judea and Samaria on the basis of the votes of the Aguda, the ILP, the left and the two Communist factions," one NRP Minister commented.

Independent Liberal chairman and Tourism Minister Moshe Kol told *The Post* last night that the ILP Knesset faction had resolved to press for freedom of action on religious legislation if invited to join the new coalition. It would also stand by its demand that all coalition partners share in policy making.

Mr. Kol stressed that he was in no way interfering in the decision of the ILP's Tel Aviv branch on a municipal coalition with Likud's Shlomo Lahat. He had turned down a request for help from Alignment Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz, he said.

Alignment sources said a first meeting will be held at noon today between an ILP deputation and the Alignment coalition makers, headed by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. They noted that the NRP demand for a national coalition was opposed by both Prime Minister Meir and, even more, by Mr. Sapir. They did not think coalition talks would take on a more formal character until later next week, when the soldiers' votes will have been counted.

Meanwhile, it is understood that ILP Knesset whip Gideon Hausner will today meet with Shulamit Aloni, head of the Civil Rights list, on forming a parliamentary bloc.

Labour Party circles last night confirmed that Yitzhak Rabin and Haim Zadok were definite candidates for the new Cabinet, with the former likely to become Labour Minister and the latter in line for Justice portfolio.

These party circles said Mr. Rabinowitz, should he lose the Tel Aviv mayoralty, would either join the cabinet or become Party Secretary-General.

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3 KILLED IN NORTH
Enemy artillery barrages recall War of Attrition

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Three soldiers were killed and two wounded in a sneak artillery barrage unleashed by the Syrians north of Tel Fares, on the Golan Heights, at 1:20 on Wednesday afternoon, the army spokesman revealed here yesterday. Twenty minutes later, eight men were wounded on the southern front, in a totally unprovoked attack southwest of Lake Timsah.

Military observers here are openly comparing these two attacks with the opening of the war of attrition during the autumn of 1967, when Egyptian units unleashed an artillery barrage at a football pitch near Kantara, where crowds of Israel soldiers were watching a game between two unit teams on a Saturday afternoon.

The observers point out that there were a number of additional attacks on Wednesday in the area between the Great Bitter Lake and El-Balah island, and that all these barrages, involving artillery (howitzer and mortar) units were evidently coordinated between 1:40 and 2:00 p.m. of the same day, and that they followed in the wake of periods of relative quiet.

More artillery and mortar exchanges were reported from the Egyptian front yesterday. There were, however, no additional casualties. The Syrian front remained quiet.

First exchanges in the south took place at about 6.30 a.m. in the Suez town area. During the afternoon, Egyptian tanks opened fire at an Israel unit posted on the Suez port quay, south of the town.

Mortar and anti-tank missiles were fired by the Egyptians at IDF outposts near Adabiye, the southernmost port held by Israel on the Egyptian side of the Gulf of Suez.

Additional exchanges of anti-tank, mortar and light weapons fire were also reported from the Ismailia sector of the Egyptian front. These exchanges took place during the early morning and noon hours.

A Unef spokesman in Cairo told newsmen yesterday, according to UPI, that the Egyptians on Tuesday moved forward to new positions in violation of the cease-fire. The move was reported by Swedish Unef troops on patrol seven km. southeast of Kantara, in the northern sector. He said the Egyptians "moved forward approximately 200 metres to new positions." He added the Swedes "saw land mines being planted in the area."

Irish and Swedish Unef officers in the area asked the Egyptians to withdraw and they agreed to do so at 2.30 p.m. "But at 6 p.m. they were still holding the positions and there has been no further report on the situation since," the spokesman said.

This was the first Unef report on an advance to new positions since the cease-fire went into effect on October 24.

Reports from Unef sources in Cairo implying that Israel is deliberately preventing food convoys from reaching Suez town and the Third Army are untrue, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

Despite Wednesday's heavy shooting and the casualties suffered by the IDF on the west bank, at least part of the convoy scheduled for that day succeeded in crossing the lines. Some 50 jerrycans of water were among the items to reach the Third Army on that day.

Yesterday, however, shooting in the vicinity of the kilometre 101 check point, as well as in the immediate vicinity of Suez town itself prevented the convoy from getting through.

It was pointed out here that there was no point in risking the U.N. soldiers' lives needlessly. The relief convoys would again cross the lines as soon as the area quietened down.

The only other days on which no supplies reached the Third Army or Suez town were Christmas, and the New Year holiday observed on December 31 and January 1.

Any shooting in the immediate vicinity of the Suez-Cairo road was bound to interfere with the delivery of the supplies, *The Post* was told.

Cairo's mass-circulation "Al-Akhbar" yesterday noted that the military situation along the Suez Canal front had further deteriorated. Reporting from the cease-fire lines, an "Al-Akhbar" correspondent said Wednesday's intermittent incidents "quickly developed into clashes in which heavy, long-range artillery, tank guns and rockets were used."

The U.N. announced in Cairo yesterday that an Austrian soldier of the U.N. Emergency Force was wounded in the thigh early in the day as he was guarding a U.N. supply dump in Ismailia.

Announcing the shooting by an unidentified intruder, the U.N. spokesman said the Austrian, whose name is being withheld for the present, was in satisfactory condition. The incident was being investigated, he added.

Abu Rodeis wells still ablaze, costing up to IL1m. a day

By AHARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The offshore oil wells ablaze approximately 10 kms. off the coast of Abu Rodeis since Tuesday evening normally supply about 15 per cent of Abu Rodeis' total production of a little over five million tons per year.

A Treasury official who disclosed this last night said it was still too early to estimate the damage caused thus far by the fire — in terms of equipment losses and the need to import petroleum to replace that which is being lost as a result of the conflagration. However, persons close to the industry yesterday spoke of "tens of millions" of pounds damage so far, and some put the loss at approximately one million pounds a day.

Foreign fire-fighting experts specializing in oil well explosions and fires were summoned Wednesday, but, according to the Finance Ministry spokesman, had not yet arrived by last night.

Tat-Aluf (res.) Shimon Gilboa, director of the Fuel Directorate, said yesterday the country's current fuel stocks were adequate and the loss from the burning wells would have no immediate effect locally.

The head of the Treasury's Fuel Directorate, Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein, said yesterday it could be a long time before the fires could be extinguished, and it may prove neccessary to blast the wells in order to put out the flames. In that case, new wells would have to be drilled.

The fire — resulting from a "technical mishap," according to the Treasury — can be seen for miles. A tongue of flame more than 20 metres high shoots skyward, accompanied by a column of thick black smoke.

There are more than 100 inland oil wells at Abu Rodeis, and approximately 20 off shore. Yet, the latter provide about half of the total crude extracted there, and it is said the quality of this crude is superior to that pumped up inland.

A few years ago geologists estimated there are more than 120 million tons of oil lying under the sands of Abu Rodeis alone.

Meanwhile, Development Minister Haim Gvati met at his Tel Aviv office yesterday with representatives of the families of Abu Rodeis workers who had lived until the Yom Kippur War at the Shalhevet housing quarters near the oil installations.

The families have been squatting at the offices of the Netivei Neft company. The delegation demanded from the Minister a written promise stating when they will be allowed to return to Shalhevet, or to know why they are not being allowed to return. Pending a return to their former homes, the families also demanded reasonable lodgings.

The Jerusalem Post learns that Mr. Gvati was not willing to promise the families when, or even if at all, they would be allowed to return to Shalhevet, and a period of three to six months was mentioned before any answer could be given.

The Minister promised to look into the question of provisional lodgings for those of the 70 families that have nowhere to go. They would get an answer in another 10 days. It is believed that the Minister will try to find a kibbutz or moshav willing to absorb the group in order to keep them united. Of the 70 families, all but six have found temporary accommodation with relatives. The remaining six are being lodged for the time being at Kfar Hammaccabia at the company's expense.

Zim decides to give up cruise line

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The board of the Zim passenger line company yesterday decided to recommend to the Government to stop the operation of their two passenger ships, Dan and Nili, and close down the company.

The decision was taken in view of the difficult situation of passenger shipping in general and of the increased subsidy, estimated at IL15m. a year, the company would now need to run the two ships due to increased operating costs, especially of fuel.

The Government, which is a partner with Zim in the passenger line, must make the final decision. The company employs 250 seamen and 40 shore staff in Israel and 20 shore staff abroad.

The operation of the two ships, which sail between Haifa and Europe, has been virtually suspended since the war. The Italian Adriatica company has also suspended its Haifa service since the war.

The seamen's union made a last-minute appeal to the board to keep the ships sailing, and warned of strike action throughout the merchant navy if the company is closed.

Complaint to U.N. *against Lebanon*

UNITED NATIONS (AFP). — Israel yesterday lodged a formal complaint against Lebanon for allowing the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — the terror group which recently tried to kill British Zionist leader Edward Sieff — complete freedom of movement and action on Lebanese soil.

In a letter to the Security Council president, Israel representative Ya'acov Doron noted that on December 19 Israel had informed the Council in detail about PFLP activities in Lebanon. The group, headed by George Habash, is responsible for many murders, he said.

Sieff, on TV, says he's getting on well

LONDON (Reuter). — Edward Sieff, the British Jewish leader shot in the mouth at his London home last Sunday, in a TV interview from hospital yesterday, termed his would-be assassin a "lunatic" and said the assault had not affected Zionist support in Britain.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

NRP leader Yosef Burg announced last night that he plans to confer today with Likud chairman Menahem Begin on the possibilities for a national unity coalition.

Fahmy said seeking to hasten talks

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy has received an "urgent message" from U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger it was reported yesterday. Its contents were not revealed.

The Cairo press said Fahmy was engaged in intensive consultations with the ambassadors of the U.S. and the Soviet Union. The semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" said these talks were intended to hasten the ongoing disengagement talks in Geneva so that more substantive matters could be taken up.

"Al-Ahram" confirmed that Fahmy was scheduled to visit the Soviet Union, "probably next week."

Fahmy met with Egyptian War Minister General Ahmed Ismail Aly and his aides on Wednesday. "Al-Ahram" said the meeting dealt with the issue of disengagement and with "political and military developments."

Earlier, General Ismail Aly warned that if the Geneva military talks fail, the Egyptian armed forces would resume fighting with the aim of "liberating every inch of Arab land."

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Hussein brings tanks back from Syria, fears Egypt will abandon him

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Jordan yesterday announced that the armoured force it sent to the Syrian front during the October war was now back in its "confrontation lines" facing Israel. The announcement came as King Hussein voiced fears that Israel might exploit the Geneva talks to conclude a separate peace with Egypt.

The Jordanians did not say when the expeditionary force — composed of several crack tank brigades — had been pulled out, but an official statement said Hussein spent yesterday with troops "who have returned from the Syrian front after fulfilling their national duty." Amman coupled the announcement with claims, allegedly based on reports from visiting West Bankers, that Israel was massing "a large number of troops" along the Jordan cease-fire line.

The King's warning about "a possible separate peace between Israel and Egypt" came in an interview published yesterday in the leading Beirut weekly "Al-Hawadeth." Such a separate peace he said, "would weaken Jordan's bargaining position and help Israel to take on Syria alone on the battlefield."

Syria and Jordan are currently working closely together, he added, but "coordination with Egypt is not on the level I aspire to."

Reflecting the fears of independent Egyptian moves which members of the Jordanian delegation expressed to The Jerusalem Post in Geneva a fortnight ago, Hussein said that though the Geneva talks were supposed to tackle a settlement for the whole region, "there is something strange in the air that is not reassuring."

At Geneva a Jordanian official had told *The Post* that his country's delegation feared Egypt was seeking to monopolize the Geneva conference for the purpose of settling its own outstanding issues with Israel, without coordinating its moves with either Jordan or Syria.

Bonn preparing deal with Saudia

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

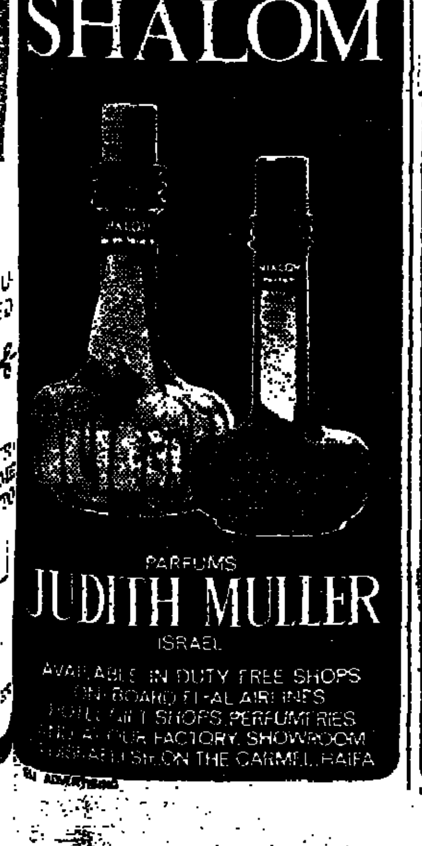
BONN. — A high level delegation of the Bonn Economics Ministry will go to Saudi Arabia in the near future, probably next month, to work out long-term cooperation ensuring oil deliveries in return for West German aid in building up Saudi industry, an Economics Ministry spokesman confirmed yesterday.

Detlev Carsten Rohwedder, State Secretary directly under the Bonn Minister for Economics, will head the delegation.

Officials in both the Foreign and Economics Ministries were quick to dampen speculation that the projected visit, which was not officially announced but leaked initially to the press, was the result of new developments which might indicate a more flexible Saudi stand on oil deliveries to Bonn.

Nevertheless, the officials did not deny reports that Mr. Rohwedder would be conducting "negotiations" with the Arabs, a phrase usually used carefully in official circles to note that the preliminary exploration stage is being replaced by nuts-and-bolts bargaining.

West Germany gets a little over 20 per cent of its crude oil imports from Saudi Arabia.



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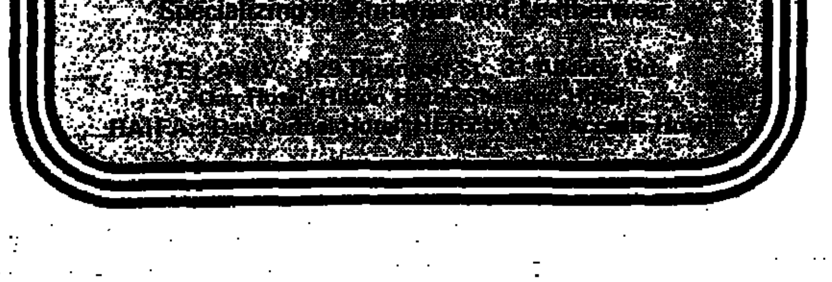

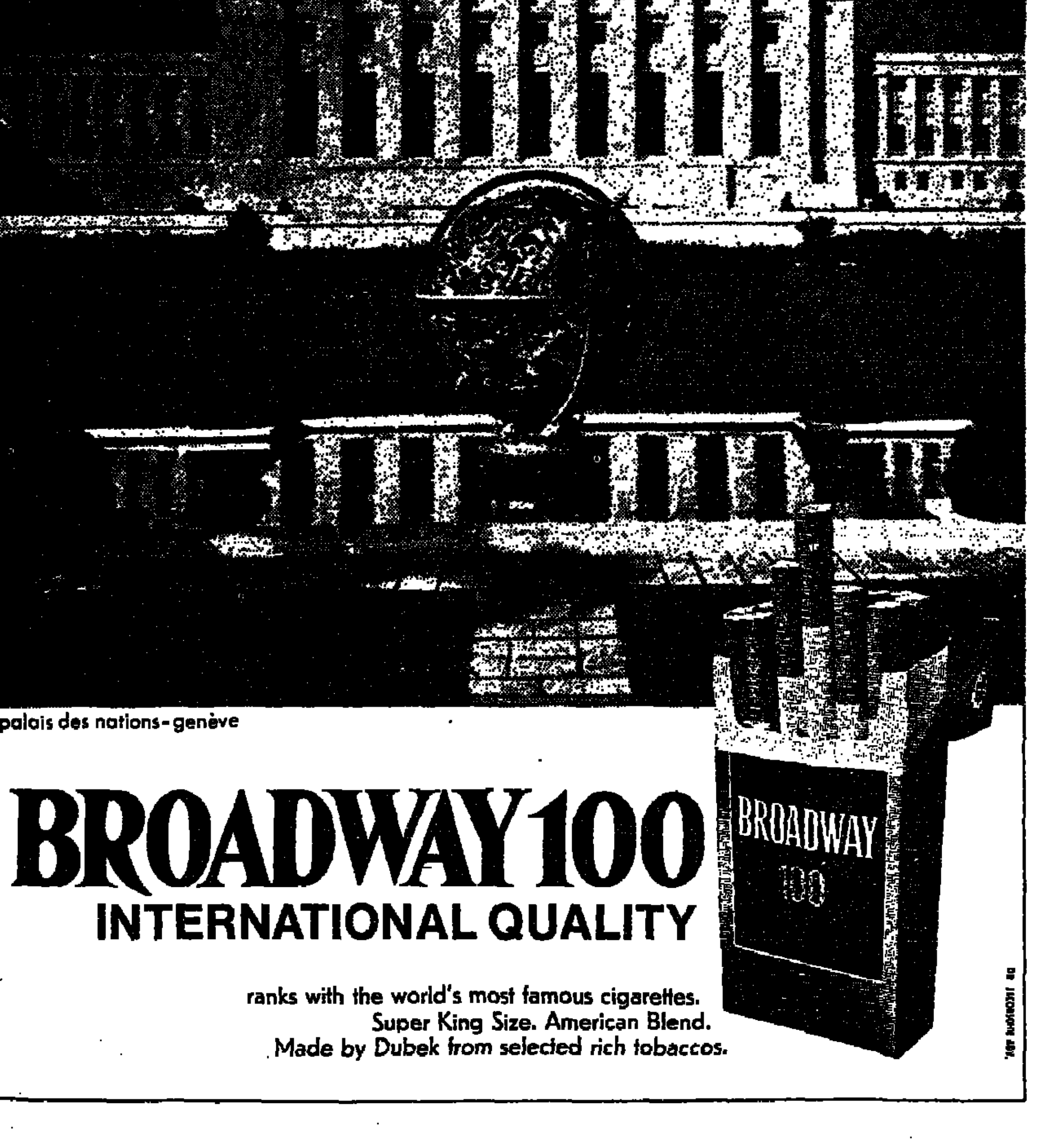

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Social and Personal

Elmer L. Winter, president of the American Jewish Committee, called yesterday on Tourism Minister Moshe Kol at Mr. Kol's office in Jerusalem. He was accompanied by AJC executive director Ben Gold and AJC Israel representative Bernard Resnikoff.

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Yosef Ginat, deputy to the Prime Minister's adviser on Arab affairs, yesterday visited Beduin sheikhs in the Negev to convey greetings on the feast of Id el-Adha.

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Dutch Ambassador Gerrit Jan Jongejans was yesterday presented with a certificate marking the inscription in the Jewish National Fund's Golden Book of the Dutch people, "for their noble stand in the days of trial for the People of Israel." The presentation was made by JNF Executive Committee member Theodor Hataigui and by Giora Fisher of the JNF staff committee, which sponsored the entry in the book.

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Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi will speak on "The Political Struggle and Future Policies" at the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club, at the Zion Hotel, at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone, 511593.

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The Oneg Shabbat at 8 p.m. tonight at Hechal Shlomo, Jerusalem, will be addressed by Rabbi Dr. Mendel Lewittes on the Portion of the Week, and by Mr. Shaul Ben-Haim of the Foreign Ministry on Israel and the Developing Countries. Cantor Arye Goldberg will lead community singing. At tomorrow night's *Melaveh Malka* programme, at 8 p.m., Mr. Pinhas Eliav of the Foreign Ministry will speak on the political situation. All welcome.

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Prof. Dan Patinkin, Member of the Israel National Academy of Sciences and Humanities, will lecture on The Development of "The Wheel of Wealth" — a chapter in the history of economic thought on Tuesday, January 8, 1974 at 6.15 p.m., at the Academy, 43 Rehov Jabotinsky, Talbieh, Jerusalem.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.
Outlook for Saturday: Partly cloudy to fair.
Weather synopsis: Barometric trough extends from Red Sea to East Mediterranean.

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Nahariya	30	7—18	8—19
Safad	55	3— 8	3— 9
Haifa	40	12—18	10—17
Tiberias	44	11—18	10—19
Nazareth	41	5—13	6—14
Afula	36	10—16	9—17
Shomron	34	6—13	5—13
Tel Aviv	30	7—18	7—18
Lod	19	10—22	9—20
Jericho	33	7—21	7—21
Gaza	16	9—23	9—21
Beersheba	23	8—17	7—17
Eilat	22	14—24	13—23
Tiran	33	15—23	15—23

3 U.S. Congressmen begin five-day visit

LOD AIRPORT. — U.S. Congressmen Mario Biaggi (Dem., New York), William Lehman (Dem., Florida) and Jack Jennings of the House Education Committee arrived here yesterday for a five-day visit to Israel as guests of the Foreign Ministry.

The Congressmen said they had come to study vocational education. "But," they added, "as Congressmen active on behalf of Israel we're naturally interested in finding out what's going on here." *(Itim)*

Kissinger

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talks, declaring: "We cannot engage in negotiations with the Arab governments about the specific terms that we will support in negotiations in order to get the embargo lifted; that would make our policy entirely subject to the producing countries."

In Washington, both American and Israel sources insist that Dayan's visit does not indicate any snag in the Geneva talks. The White House and Dr. Kissinger let it be known, in fact, that the plan for Dayan to visit Washington was formulated more than two weeks ago, when Secretary Kissinger was last in Jerusalem. But it is also clear that such top-level talks between American and Israel leaders are needed to clarify how progress can be made in the disengagement talks.

American officials believe that movement can be achieved because disengagement is seen to be in the interest of both Israel and Egypt. The problem is to define how this disengagement translates into actual troop pullbacks, and how mutual those pullbacks will be.

Senior Israel officials in Washington have explained that disengagement is desirable from the Israel point of view because it would create a more stable cease-fire, permit normalization of life around a reopened Suez Canal, and yield an atmosphere conducive to further progress at Geneva.

But Israel officials still seek assurances that there will be no more than a token Egyptian military presence on the east bank of the Canal. It has been reported that Dayan wants to discuss with Kissinger Israel's view that the disengagement should be followed by the creation of almost totally demilitarized buffer zones, with only police-type forces and no heavy weapons.

The Egyptians, according to Israel sources, still maintain, even in private talks, their public position calling for Egyptian troop levels of some 30,000 soldiers on the east bank.

Before this disagreement becomes an insurmountable impasse, Dayan and Kissinger will seek to work out an Israel position, which the U.S. could support, and which the Americans feel can be "sold" to the Egyptians. No movement is seen possible at the continuing Geneva talks until after the Dayan-Kissinger meeting.

Kissinger's optimism on disengagement is interpreted by diplomatic observers to be in part an effort on his part to maintain positive diplomatic momentum. This effort includes American willingness to read the Israel elections in the most favourable light, that is, that the elections have given the caretaker government of Prime Minister Golda Meir enough support to proceed with decisiveness in the disengagement talks. It is recognized, however, that the narrow margin represents a diminished mandate to negotiate compromises.

Dayan is expected to discuss the electoral outcome with Kissinger, and in the later afternoon in a meeting with Defence Secretary James Schlesinger. That session will focus particularly on the subject of the continued flow of American military supplies, as well as the current military situation along the precarious cease-fire lines.

'Caretaker gov't lacks authority to withdraw'

TEL AVIV. — The leadership of the Land of Israel Movement, meeting here with the participation of representatives from the Likud, the National Religious Party and the Alignment, last night adopted a resolution declaring that the present caretaker government has no authority to commit Israel to a withdrawal from the Suez Canal.

Noting that a withdrawal from Abu Rodeis (in western Sinai) would leave Israel without oil, they declared that any pullback under present political pressures would spell the beginning of an Israeli collapse. They called for all three major parties to set up a national emergency government immediately.

All-night guard over army ballots: counting begins tomorrow night

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

A dozen representatives of the larger Knesset lists, including some MKs, will stay over at the Knesset tonight to keep watch over the army Ballot Boxes and prevent any possible tampering with the poll.

Most lists will have two representatives to spell each other in the room where the polls are being kept.

Checking of the soldiers' envelopes is due to end at two p.m. today. The actual counting is to start at 8 p.m. tomorrow and will probably be concluded, late Sunday or early Monday.

The Central Elections Committee hopes to convene on Monday afternoon to complete its final report and approve the results of the Eighth Knesset elections — which will be published in "Reshumot," the official gazette, a day or two later.

The almost final figures on voter turnout top 80 per cent for both civilians and soldiers.

The presidium of the Central Committee, meeting yesterday, found that over 99 per cent of the 4,000 polling station committees had done a faultless job.

But there were a handful of outrageous exceptions.

In one case, a polling station chairman closed the poll at 5 p.m. although the electoral rolls showed that 24 citizens had not yet voted. The committee took the 24 envelopes, put slips inside, selected by consensus, and crossed the 24 names off the electoral rolls.

In another case, the polling station committee counted the votes after the voting duly ended, but different members got different results. The committee could not be bothered carrying out a recount, so the members decided on a compromise result and made it official.

However, it is learned that these counts and a few others were approved by the district elections committees.

The Central Elections Committee has no statutory authority to query station results or to annul them. Its only function is to total up the figures and announce an agreed countrywide result. Nor can it penalise wayward station committees.

Likud and ILP may finalize Tel Aviv coalition today

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A coalition agreement between the Likud and the Independent Liberals for the Tel Aviv municipality might be concluded today, representatives of both parties said. It would, however, have to be approved by the Tel Aviv branches of the parties.

The head of the ILP's municipal list, Yitzhak Artzi, said yesterday, "chances are good that the coalition between the Likud and us will be concluded and possibly initialled today."

Mr. Artzi added that "if things proceed as well and at as speedy a pace as on Thursday, we see no reason why we would not be able to shake hands on an agreement Friday."

The Likud's candidate for mayor, Aluf (res.) Shlomo Lahat, who won 42.9 per cent of the vote in Monday's election, displayed the same optimism in his statements. He described the talks as "pleasant and friendly" and "heading toward a positive conclusion."

Mr. Lahat, however, pointed to the "very great pressure" being exerted on the ILP not to join a Likud coalition. He said the Alignment was ready to give the ILP "everything it has been asking for in the last 25 years" if it goes along with Alignment Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

A Likud spokesman denied reports that the ILP had demanded that public transportation from the suburbs into the city be permitted on the Sabbath. He explained that a coalition with the ILP "would not necessarily preclude a later admission of the religious parties" in order to make it a wider and more stable coalition.

"But by reaching a prior agreement with the ILP, we both would be making sure that the religious parties cannot put up exhorbitant conditions as their price for joining the coalition, since it could exist without them as well. However, it would not be the intention of either side to make it impossible for the religious parties to ever join a coalition between the Likud and the ILP," he said.

TAKING PART

Taking part in yesterday's negotiations were Mr. Lahat, Knesset Member Yosef Kremerman, City Councillors Yigal Griffel, David Shifman and David Stern as well as City Councilmen-elect Haim Lipkin and David Yutan, all of the Likud. On the ILP side were its two city councillors-elect, Mr. Artzi and Perez Unikovski, as well as Dr. Haim Teichman, head of the ILP's Tel Aviv branch.

At the end of three hours of negotiations yesterday, the Likud and the ILP issued a joint statement declaring that "understanding has been reached about a plan of action in the framework of a municipal coalition and about the team that would run it." Both sides, furthermore, agreed to meet again today "to sum up the talks."

Later a meeting between the ILP representatives and Mayor Rabinowitz is scheduled, to be followed by yet another meeting with Mr. Lahat.

The Alignment, which won 11 places on the City Council as against the Likud's 14, must now sit back and await the outcome of the talks between the Likud and the ILP. With the ILP's two seats, Mr. Lahat would achieve a majority of 16 out of the City Council's 31 seats.

Mr. Rabinowitz, on the other hand, needs the cooperation of almost all the small parties in the City Council to be able to form a coalition. This would be an especially difficult task, as he would have to reconcile the almost opposing positions of the four religious City Council members (the NRP's two, the Aguda representative and independent Avraham Boyar) and those of the ILP. Whereas the religious partners would demand further concessions on religious issues, the ILP would staunchly oppose these. Since each of the two is fully aware that without its cooperation no coalition headed by the Alignment can be formed, they are expected to obstinately maintain their stands.

The NRP's city hall head, Haim Basok, said that his party would decide today whether it would join a Likud coalition.

NRP demands education portfolio in Jerusalem

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Mayor Teddy Kollek's efforts to re-establish an all-party coalition in Jerusalem got under way last night with meetings between an Alignment committee headed by Mr. Kollek and representatives of the two religious parties on the Municipal Council.

The National Religious Party, which stayed out of the coalition for two years during the last term because it was refused the education portfolio, again requested it during last night's meeting. The delegation, headed by Dr. Yosef Goldschmidt, noted that it had gained a seat in the elections while the Alignment had lost two. But Mr. Kollek said firmly that the Alignment would not relinquish the portfolio. It is held by Alignment Deputy Mayor Yosef Gadish whom Mr Kollek had brought in from the Education Ministry. The NRP delegation agreed to continue the discussions next week.

The Agudat Yisrael-Poalei Agudat Yisrael delegation did not raise any new demands in their meeting with the Alignment, according to an informed source. The party led by Rabbi Menahem Porush holds the social welfare portfolio. City Hall sources reported last night that Rabbi Porush may shortly give up his seat on the Municipal Council. No reason was given but Rabbi Porush is also a Knesset Member and has extensive business interests.

Lawyer Uri Huppert, who won a single seat for the Independent Liberals, said last night that he would refuse to join an all-party coalition because a healthy governing body needed an opposition and because he could not join a coalition with the religious parties and Gahal whose ideologies are so different from his own. He said he would consider joining a coalition with the Alignment and the Independent Merchants, which also has one seat.

MORE SPLIT

The Arab vote was split to a greater extent than in 1969 when the Alignment received 90 per cent of the total. This time it received 71.8 per cent with the rest distributed among all the remaining parties — even the Jewish Defence League which drew 31 votes (.08 per cent of the Arab vote) and the Iraqi Immigrants list which drew 78 votes (1.8 per cent). The Independent Merchants List did better proportionally in East Jerusalem where it drew four per cent of the vote — presumably from merchants — than in West Jerusalem where it drew 2.5 per cent. Mr. Kollek believes the distribution of the vote indicates a measure of integration into the political process.

Meron Benvenisti, who ran the East Jerusalem campaign for the Alignment, believed before the war that some 15,000 Arabs would vote, twice as many as in 1959. Nationalistic feelings in the wake of the war — as well as threats by underground organizations — kept the vote down to 4,531 (plus 466 votes from Arabs living in the halfway Beit Safafa village which was on the Israeli side of the green line before the Six Day War.)

The threats were issued in posters stuck on billboards and walls. The car of an East Jerusalem Arab who was one of the most active Alignment party workers was pushed into a wadi and burned after it was left parked near his home. There had also been appeals on Radio Cairo and Radio Amman to East Jerusalemites not to vote. In view of this pressure, Mr. Kollek regards the Arab turnout as a great success.

HOPEFUL

The Alignment won 42.2 per cent of the civilian vote (compared to 47.5 per cent of the total vote in 1969) and party officials are still hopeful that the soldiers' vote might raise its number of mandates from 14 to 15. One of the two mandates the party lost in the election was due to the drop in the Arab vote. The poor voter turnout in West Jerusalem probably also hurt the Alignment — only 60 per cent of the Jewish population voted compared to 80 per cent in Tel Aviv. Mr. Kollek's personal popularity accounts for the fact that his Municipal list won 40,000 votes in West Jerusalem while the Alignment slate for the Knesset won only 28,000 votes.

Beduin MK won Galilee, Negev votes

By H. BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Israeli Beduin were yesterday streaming to a villa five kilometres off the Arad-Beersheba road to congratulate their first Knesset representative in 25 years of statehood, Sheikh Hamad Abu Rabeya.

Sheikh Abu Rabeya

The more than 17,000 votes Sheikh Abu Rabeya's new Alignment-affiliated list of Beduin and Arab villagers won in Monday's election not only put him in the Knesset; because of a vote-sharing arrangement they also assured the return of Alignment-affiliated Deputy Communications Minister Jaber Mu'adi (who ran second on the Progress and Development list).

The win also means that Sheikh Abu Rabeya will now get a telephone.

The 44-year-old sheikh, between receiving well-wishers, told *The Post* yesterday he had set up the list because Beduin felt the Israeli Arab list they formerly voted for was ignoring their interests. These included more schools, medical service and permanent housing for Beduin, and a final settlement of the land question that has been hanging fire for 25 years.

He said he was especially happy to have strengthened the ranks of the Alignment with the two more Knesset seats his victory assured it, and hoped this would help bring genuine peace.

According to a local Alignment source, the sheikh's list won the votes of 7,000 Galilee and 4,200 Negev Beduin. In addition it got 4,000 votes from Arab farmers in the Little Triangle and a further 2,000 elsewhere, some of them from Jewish voters. The vote-sharing arrangement with Progress and Development assures a seat for that list's second man, Sheikh Mu'adi, a Druse.

The Beduin sheikh's villa — which he built for his wife and six sons on the site of the tent in which he was born — stands not far from the encampment near Arad of his 4,200 Abu Rabeya tribesmen. A graduate of a Mandatory high school for Beduin in Beersheba, the sheikh has a nephew on the medical staff of that city's Soroka Medical Centre, and another nephew who is a teacher.

One result of his election means that Communications Ministry staff will now have to string a line the 15 kms. from Arad to his villa in order to install a telephone. There is none now in the M.K.-elect's area.

Inflation fear boosts price of $ and gold

BONN (Reuter). — Gold and the dollar soared in value yesterday because of fears that oil shortages and price increases will lead to balance-of-payments deficits and further inflation in major West European countries.

Ben-Gurion's tombstone unveiled

By ARI RATH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SDE BOKER. — A plain, cre white tombstone, bearing the sim inscription, "David Ben-Gurion 1886-1973, came on aliya 1906" was unveiled here yesterday, thirtieth day after the deaths of rael's first Prime Minister and fence Minister.

President Ephraim Katzir hea the scores of dignitaries and frie who joined the deceased's family a modest memorial gathering the Sde Boker College, where Da Ben-Gurion was laid to rest month next to the grave of wife Paula. The grave site, with two identical tombstones, just side the college's library overlo ing the Tzin wilderness in the he of the Negev, had been chosen most six years ago by Ben-Gu himself at the death of his wife.

After the chief army chap Tat-Aluf Mordechai Piron, op the memorial ceremony for leader, the architect of the S with readings from Psalms, Ben-Gurion's son Amos recited *kaddish* prayer. President Ka paid tribute to the "giant of nation's leaders in our generatio

At the conclusion of the memo ceremony the army's chief cap Rav-Seren Moshe Carmel, rec the "El Male Rahamim" prayer both David and Paula Ben-Gur Three wreaths, from the Presid the Government and the Knes were laid at the grave.

Ben-Gurion's grandson, Se Ailon Ben-Gurion, who was woun in his right leg in the October w attended the ceremony on crutch He could not attend the fun last month.

A state memorial service Ben-Gurion will be held in Jerusalem Theatre on Monday, 8 p.m., in the presence of Pr dent Ephraim Katzir and Pre Golda Meir, the Government nounced yesterday. Defence Mini Moshe Dayan is expected to r the Cabinet's message.

Jordan's expansion was a 'mistake'

BEIRUT (AFP). — Jordan's a nexation of the West Bank 1948 was a "mistake," King Hu sein has told the Lebanese week "Al Hawadat."

In an interview which appear yesterday, the King said the on time Emirate of Transjordan h not intended at the time to bri about integration of the t banks of the Jordan. Its th ruler, his grandfather, Abdulla had only wanted to bring all a possible to the "Palestini People" in "liberating their hom land." Abdullah had acted at th request of the other Arab state "and we saved what could saved."

The King said he favour having the "Palestinian Peopl decide its own destiny, but on after the territories were evac ated, and only in a plebescite he under international supervision.

Payis winners

The IL150,000 grand prizes in Mifal Hapayis lottery were dra yesterday by tickets No. 097677 613197. No. 436999 won IL50, Numbers 166340 and 654462 IL12,500.

Tickets 188709, 446169, 479523 552525 won IL6,250. Tickets en in "5" won IL4.

The following won IL1,250: 069 141365, 156274, 170029, 177 182535, 189451, 200731, 283 368010, 393223, 407785, 432 613063, 636054, 636852, 653 663909, 733694, 746055 and 785

Tickets ending with 01129, 02 05199, 10812, 12932, 12646, 14 19538, 19705, 22244, 38475, 33 35644, 36854, 37817, 44194, 56 61299, 72477, 76708, 77263, 78 80572, 87543 and 90483 won IL

Tickets ending with 0691, 0969, 1605, 1867, 2127, 2219, 2603, 3166, 3293, 3395, 3432, 4643, 5093, 5364, 5374, 5601, 6027, 6355, 6478, 6672, 6713, 7146, 7366, 7839, 7884, 7957, 8259, 8273, 9107, 9166, 9606 and won IL50.

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DR. ABE EPSTEIN

of San Francisco who gave his services voluntarily for the benefit of Israeli schoolchildren.

Dr. A.M. Kelman (Director)

Our dear mother and sister
Mrs. Paula Wolff (Samuel)
(née Telzer, formerly Saarlouis)
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Alignment gain in Netanya

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NETANYA. — Mayor Oved Ben-Ami (Likud) will not initiate coalition talks until after the army vote is counted, he told *The Post* yesterday.

The estimated division of mandates in the Netanya City Council gives the Likud five seats (unchanged), the Alignment five (up from four in the outgoing council), the religious bloc four (up one) and the Independent Liberals one (down one). The local list that had a seat appears to have lost it.

Mr. Ben-Ami said he would consider a "wall-to-wall coalition with all but the Independent Liberals." But there is the possibility that the Alignment (Likud's partner in the present administration) could form a coalition with the religious bloc, leaving the Likud out altogether.

Sderot's Alignment head may yield to local list

ASHKELON. — The Alignment head of Sderot's Local Council, Yonatan Yifrah, will probably lose the position he has held for the past two terms.

According to the final results of the local elections there — where the army vote has already been counted — the Alignment is tied with Yitzhak Tariki's local list with four seats each. It is believed Tariki has already reached a coalition agreement with the National Religious Party, which has the only remaining seat, giving him a 5:4 majority in the new council.

In Ashkelon, where the army vote was also released yesterday, there are equal chances for the outgoing Likud-NRP coalition to continue and for the Alignment to form a coalition of its own. The latter has six seats, while the Likud and the NRP each have four. The remaining seat belongs to the local list.

In neighbouring Kiryat Malachi, the military vote has strengthened the position of the current council chairman, David Aboudi of the Alignment. His three seats and Agudat Yisrael's two make up a majority, which would perpetuate the current coalition. (The remaining seats went to the Likud — three — and to the NRP — one.)

Shaki 'robbed of thousands of ballots'

Avner Shaki, whose Social Equality Movement failed to gain a seat in the Eighth Knesset, claims he was robbed of votes.

The former NRP Knesset Member has demanded that the Central Elections Committee delay publication of the official election results on the grounds that his party was denied thousands of votes it should rightfully have received.

Dr. Shaki says in his application to the committee that there was a dearth of ballot slips with his party's symbol — the Hebrew letters *mem-samech*. In many polling places the slips were missing altogether; in others there were slips carrying the letters *aleph-samech* — which do not represent any party. He also says creased or folded slips for his party were invalidated, while slips for other lists in the same condition were counted. *(Itim)*

Bar-Ilan U. holds memorial service

TEL AVIV. — Bar-Ilan University yesterday held a memorial service for those who fell in the Yom Kippur War. Addresses were delivered by the rector, Professor Menahem Zevi Kaddari; the Minister for Religious Affairs, Dr. Zerach Wahrhaftig; and the Chief Rabbi of the Israel Defence Forces, Rabbi Mordechai Piron. Bereaved families, faculty members, staff and students attended.

THE "VOICES" Poetry Group will meet on Monday, January 7, at 6.30 p.m. at the home of Ruth Finer Mintz, 3/5 Neve Granot, Jerusalem.

With grateful hearts, we thank the Eternal, who has preserved us, sustained us and brought us to the Bar-Mitzva celebration of our beloved grandson

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May he always remain faithful to our tradition and worthy of the admiration and love of his parents, NAOMI *and* ELIAHU HAKERI *his sisters and brother, and all who hold him dear.*
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The Price Committee and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry have approved the following prices for *The Jerusalem Post*.

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The price rise, already in effect for other daily papers, will help us cover the increased cost of newsprint, transportation and communication.

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Arab PoWs 'satisfactory'

Amnesty member visits hospital

Jerusalem Post Staff

ES ZIONA. — The condition of wounded Arab prisoners of war in-med at the Shmuel Harofe Hospi-l is satisfactory, a member of mnesty International said here sterday after visiting the hospital.

"You have to take into considera-n that it is difficult to get the Ws to say what they really nk, but I was personally satis-d with their condition and the neral trend of their answers," d Hugh Baker of Amnesty.

"They are being treated well. ey get the same food of five meals day as all the other patients in e hospital, and they seem to be tting the best medical treatment sible," he said. "The doctors are eating them as human beings."

The only suggestion he could ke was that they get "more sh air," and perhaps be allowed read Arabic-language newspapers, sibly those published in Israel. don't know whether the inter-tional rules provide for this, but feel that like all prisoners they out of contact and can't follow at's going on. Being allowed newspapers would certainly be of great help," he said.

He added, however, that the prisoners were receiving Arabic-language books, including the Koran, which had been provided by an Israeli organization "and that, of course is a great help."

Mr. Baker, a British-born member of the Swedish group of Amnesty International and its Committee on Capital Punishment, is in Israel with his wife on a private visit. Members of the local branch of Amnesty, who arranged the visit, and the medical director of the hospital, Dr. Walter Davidson, accompanied the Bakers on their tour.

Wagi Ali Ahahl, 23, from Tartus, Syria, who was wounded and captured in a wadi on the Golan, told the group he was "mapsut" (satisfied) with the way he is being treated, and that he is feeling well. Asked if he wanted to write a note to his family, he answered that he has been corresponding with them via the International Red Cross and has already received answers to his letters.

A pilot, Colonel Adnan Hag Hader, 36, whose plane was shot down near Kuneitra, conceded that he was being treated properly according to the Geneva Convention. When asked how he found the food at the hospital, he blurted, "We did not come here to eat. We came here to fight and die for a true cause." Asked what his views were concerning the possibility of a swap of PoWs between Israel and Syria, Col. Hader, a father of four from Damascus, replied: "This is a political question that the Syrian government has to decide. We do not mind remaining here 100 years if our government wishes so. We are sure that our headquarters are thinking and doing what is best for us."

Dr. Davidson explained that the pilot had lost both of his legs: one leg had been torn off by the crash, the second one had to be amputated to save his life on route to the hospital. The pilot is on his way to a full recovery and he is now being fitted for artificial limbs.

There are 18 wounded PoWs at the Shmuel Harofe Hospital — ten Syrians, seven Egyptians and one Iraqi. There is no separation in the wards between soldiers and officers.

Home closed: Delinquents sent to jail

HAIFA. — One hundred 14- to 16-year-old delinquents had to be sent to prison last year because Israel's only closed home for minors was shut down, Juvenile Court Judge Avraham Melamed complained here yesterday.

The judge was speaking as he imposed an 18-month-term on a boy with a long record of offences against property and illegal driving. Had the Gil-Am Home in Kiryat Ata still been open, he said, he would have sent the youth there instead.

The situation will become even worse when a new law takes effect raising the legal age of full criminal responsibility to 18, he warned. *(Tilan)*

Id al-Adha and the price of vegetables

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Id al-Adha holiday has resulted in a shortage of vegetables and higher prices on Haifa markets.

Due to the holiday, observed by Moslems and Druse, the supply of vegetables was "considerably" reduced, the Retailers Association reported, and this in turn resulted in higher prices. Especially hard hit were tomatoes which went up to IL2.80 a kilo in the Talpiot market, the city's cheapest retail outlet.

The cold wave also resulted in fewer vegetables, adding to the shortage and upward trend of prices.

Housewives, told by stall owners that the high prices were due to the Arab holiday, mused that it was "just like the Jewish holidays" as they dug deeper into their purses.

In the port, the absence of the 350 Druse workers reduced citrus loading to less than half the daily total of 150,000 for the third day running yesterday. In Western Galilee, one fruit packing centre closed down, as the port could take no more fruit. Handling of other cargo also slowed down.

The port management yesterday sent "recruiting officers" to the Druse villages, urging the workers to return to work today to help get the port back to full operation. While the holiday officially lasts two days, each man takes off as long as he likes, some of them up to a week, and the management's efforts were directed at keeping the absence short this year, in view of the emergency situation.

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Yiddish journalist Harry Myer dies

LONDON (INA). — Harry Myer, London journalist and a leader in Jewish affairs, has died in Majorca at the age of 72.

He edited the London Yiddish daily "The Jewish Times," after his father, who founded it, died in 1944, but the paper later closed down for lack of readers in 1951. For a short period in the '50s he worked as a night editor of *The Jerusalem Post*.

He was a former vice-president of the Zionist Federation, vice-chairman of the British section of the World Jewish Congress and vice-chairman of the Poale Zion.

He died while on holiday, and he will eventually be buried in Israel.

Defence forces absorb some of captured Egyptian, Syrian arms

By ZE'EV SCHUL
erusalem Post Military Correspondent

A MILITARY SUPPLY CENTRE, Somewhere in Israel. — Some the Syrian and Egyptian military equipment taken during the tober War is in the process of ing absorbed into the Israel Defence Forces, *The Post* learns.

The Syrians and Egyptians appear to have abandoned most of ir tanks while they were still erational. Particularly impressive the T62 tank, the most advanced Soviet design — slightly larger an the T55 and T54 but with same excellent silhouette, low d slanted for added protection.

Israel ordnance units have successfully started an engineering-reverse process, copying spares for T 54 and 55, which are now in vice wtih Israel units.

Tanks account for most of the ty, outnumbering trucks and er trucked vehicles by "several ndred per cent". Also taken were a large number of artillery pieces. They are all tractor-drawn and include more of the famous Russian 130 millimetre guns which have a range of 27 kilometres, as well as the "Fat Katya" a 240 millimetre monster mortar with a range of nine kilometres.

New items include a sizeable quantity of sophisticated optical equipment. Among them are British made starlight intensifying night sights which unlike infrared sights cannot be detected. These range from small scaled-down versions, mounted on Kalashnikov and sniper rifles, to artillery sights. Their range varies from 500 to 800 metres.

The Egyptian part of the equipment includes an almost unknown type of amphibian troop carrier, tentatively identified as the BTR 60, and a variety of bridging equipment, including a tracked, self-propelled pontoon carrying a second pontoon on its back. This is anchored at a designated place in the water to serve as a stationary support for a bridge.

The Saudi Arabian contribution includes a lone American 155 millimetre self-propelled howitzer. Like most of the weapons, it was taken in mint condition.

In view of the problems of spares and the need for repairs, the estimate here is that it will take several of the captured tanks to make one "new one," making allowances for future wear and tear and maintenance replacements.

Very little anti-aircraft or anti-tank equipment is left at this base. This goes for the Sager missiles as well as the rich assortment of anti-aircraft guns including the particularly deadly four-barelled 20 millimetre cannon, highly effective against low flying aircraft, captured in the Golan heights and in the Sinai.

me captured Syrian T62 tanks at a military supply centre. (Schul photo)

Jerry Chervin (wearing hat, centre) and Rabbi Shlomo Mersel at the newly inaugurated field yeshiva near Kuneitra.

'Field yeshiva' at Kuneitra warms body and soul

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerry Chervin yesterday made the last of a series of 33 "Bible and Booze Express" trips to the Golan Heights, handing out his 613th pair of tefilin to an officer serving in occupied Syria. The number is symbolic — there are 613 *mitzvot* in Jewish law. Last week Chervin, an American immigrant living in Jerusalem, gave the 525th pair to none other than Chief of Staff David Elazar whom he met on Mount Hermon. Rav-Aluf Elazar said he had read of "Jerry's" private spiritual-and-temporal-welfare efforts for the troops, and praised them warmly.

Last week too Chervin inaugurated, together with the Ministry for Religious Affairs, a small "field yeshiva" near Kuneitra. The Ministry provides the Talmud books and other religious requisites, and Chervin supplies vodka and brandy, warm socks and gloves, as well as Psalters and prayer books.

The yeshiva has a nucleus of students from among units of yeshiva students serving in the locality, but the idea is for any passing soldier to drop in and warm body and soul.

Accompanying Chervin was Rabbi Shlomo Mersel, principal of the Horev School in Jerusalem who gave a lecture at the field yeshiva. The girls at his school knitted balaclava hats for the troops in the Golan with wool which Chervin supplied — and Chervin then ferried the hats up north, together with his other goodies, acquired with the help of contributions from local and American friends.

In his 33 trips, Chervin and his "junior partner," Dr. Arthur Levinson of Hadassah Hospital, have covered 13,000 miles in Chervin's car which was new before the war broke out and is now a good deal the worse for wear.

Apart from tefilin, food, drink and clothes, Chervin handed out three television sets: one to the Mount Hermon garrison, one at Mazra'at Beit Jann and one at Tel Shams.

The field yeshiva's name — seen on the wall behind the students — is *"safra vesayfa"* — "the book and the sword."

Extra book-boxes

With today's list of donations *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund has reached its goal of IL20,000 earmarked for "book-boxes" for front-line soldiers. With more contributions still coming in we will be able to allot an additional sum for these book boxes which are now beginning to reach their destinations.

Friends in Switzerland: Marianne Vaney turned up at Toy Fund H.Q. with this story: "On hearing that I was planning to visit Israel, my non-Jewish Swiss household help asked me to donate her one day's wages to the family of a fallen soldier. Touched by her response I decided to donate both her contribution and mine to *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund."

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We underestimated the number of donors this year and did not print enough receipt books so that we have had to fall back on some unused ones from earlier years. We are delighted and trust donors will forgive us.

Contributions of the list below came to IL2,541.05, bringing the total so far to IL82,744.38. The list of donors includes: —

$250 *For soldiers' book-boxes* — as a token of appreciation from United Parent-Teachers Association, whose members are parents of Hebrew school children in greater New York, working towards strengthening Jewish identity among their children and all Jewish children.

$100 The Lake Success Jewish Center of Lake Success, N.Y.

IL300 For a soldier's book-box in honour of the Piser anniversaries, South Bend, Indiana.

$20 In fond memory of Shmeriyahu Bercovitz of Haifa — The Lewenstein cousins: Jay and Daniel Lewenstein, Burlingame, California: Bruce and Bailey Lewenstein, Palo Alto, California. Max Safern, Los Angeles.

$18 In memory of Limor Detra, a loving child who left us this month — from Chaim, Rita, Lisa & Sarah Posner, Binghamton, N.Y.

$15.50 Robert White, Chicago, Illinois.

IL50 W.G., Givatayim. For the Alstairs, California with wishes for peace. N.N., Tel Aviv.

$19.50 Congregation Agudath Jacob, Waco, Texas (second contribution) through Rabbi Harold A. Friedman.

$18 Constance R. Greenbury, Glen Ridge, N.J.

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IL27 Mr. W. Mulder, Sasolburg, South Africa.

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$5 In memory of our beloved cousin Leor Yonatan who was killed in Sinai on Yom Kippur — from Barnea and Batya Selavan.

IL20 Moss Family, Tel Aviv.

IL15 N.N., Tel Aviv — in memory of Dr. Egon Gruenberger.

IL10 Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Neuman, Mount Vernon, N.Y. In honour of their daughter Yael — Mr. & Mrs. Tzemach, Shirle & Roami Katzir, Tel Aviv.

Kupat Holim psychiatric service: All or nothing

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Discussions about setting up a psychiatric treatment service as part of Kupat Holim ended up in a heated argument and no solution yesterday.

In explaining the proposal, Yosef Heled, of the central committee, noted that at present Kupat Holim maintained only a psychiatric diagnostic service. Actual treatment was turned over to private psychiatrists who charged "what the traffic could bear," often ranging around IL100 per session. At present, Kupat Holim patients pay this fee from their own pockets and Kupat Holim reimburses each patient with IL9 to IL12 for each visit.

The future plan envisages setting up a treatment service which would tap the services of an influx of psychiatrists to Israel: to finance the service, each patient would pay about IL10 per visit.

Several members of the Supervisory Commitee objected to Kupat Holim members paying Kupat Holim psychiatrists any fee whatsoever. The service should be entirely free, they said.

Advocates of the plan explained that without this small fee, Kupat Holim could not set up the service, in which case patients would have to continue paying exorbitant fees to private psychiatrists.

But these members preferred the present arrangement, explaining that Kupat Holim should either give entirely free services or no services at all.

After a heated discusion, which prompted one member to comment that the committee itself was displaying signs of a split personality, the proposal was sent back to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

Technion appoints department heads

HAIFA. — The Technion has announced th following new appointments of deans and department heads, effective as of January 1:

Prof. Adi Ben-Israel — Head, Department of Applied Mathematics; Prof. Paul Singer — Chairman, Department of Physics; Prof. Michael Yoeli — Head, Department of Computer Science; Prof. Avinoam Libai — Dean, Faculty of Aeronautical Engineering; and Prof. Naftali Shafrir — Head, Department of Nuclear Enginering.

Haifa says it wasn't consulted on cinema tax

Jerusalem Post Reporter

IFA. — As the cinema strike ered its second day here yester-, Mayor Yeruham Zeisel charged t the dispute had arisen because Municipality was not consulted the issue.

Mayor Zeisel said that when the ion of Local Authorities decided study the question of postponing lection of entertainment taxes m cinema owners, it was agreed t the three major municipalities uld be represented on the committee. This agreement was not t, he said.

he Mayor added that he could agree to postpone the tax payent until March 1 without the sent of the city executive, which meets next Monday. The cinema owners, however, decided to strike immediately rather than wait for the session. He said that if the owners felt that their business had suffered as a result of the war, they should take the matter up with the proper authority for war indemnities in Jerusalem, and not to the Haifa municipality.

He said that in other cities, the cinema owners had found "alternative solutions." But our Tel Aviv bureau reports that the "alternative" found there was simply that the Municipality agreed not to collect the tax until March.

City Councillor Ze'ev Katz (Gahal) asked the Mayor to discuss the issue in the Finance Committee of the City Council. Haifa's finances were in better shape than many other places, he said, "So why act so harshly here?"

TODAY'S POSTBAG

KIRYAT SHMONA is to get more shelters and reinforced rooms under an appropriation authorized yesterday by the Defence Ministry, a Ministry spokesman announced.

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Civilian should head Defence Ministry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Military commentator Matityahu Peled said yesterday Defence Minister Moshe Dayan has gone to Washington "to retrieve the face he lost in the Yom Kippur War."

Mr. Peled believed the Foreign Minister should have gone to talk with Dr. Kissinger, as the Egyptian Foreign Minister had done on a parallel mission to Moscow. Mr. Mr. Peled was speaking to the Tel Aviv Rotary Club here yesterday.

He urged that a civilian be placed at the head of the Defence Ministry. The present minister, he said, shunned independent military analysis, relying entirely on the infallible hunch of the leader — himself." Mr. Peled also recommended the establishment of an independent National Security Council to check the operations of the defence establishment.

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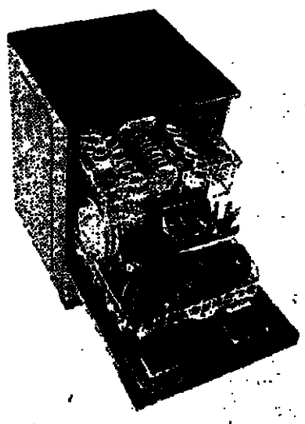

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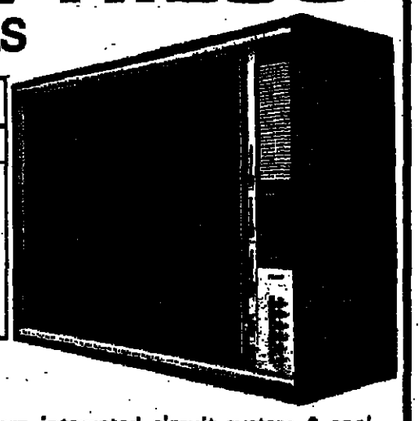

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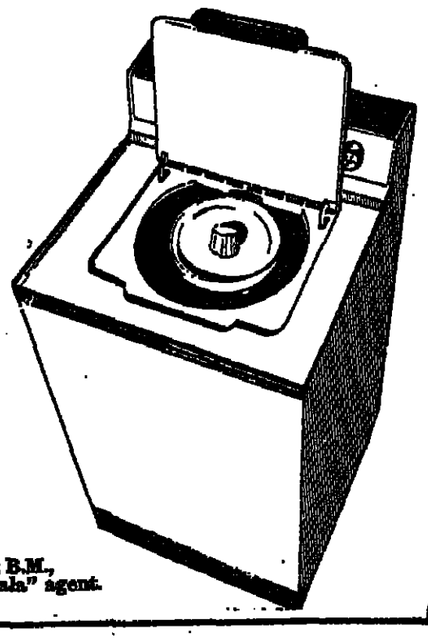

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Trial of Mitchell, Stans put off; Hunt out of jail

NEW YORK (Reuter). — A judge yesterday postponed the trial of former Cabinet members John Mitchell and Maurice Stans, almost at the same time as convicted Watergate bulglar Howard Hunt was being released from jail in Washington following an appeals court decision.

Despite reluctance to put off the trial for a third time, Judge Lee Gagliardi agreed to postpone the trial because Mitchell's lawyer, Peter Fleming, is involved in another trial in Oklahoma.

The trial had been set to start January 9. It is now scheduled to open sometime in mid-February.

Mitchell, the former attorney-general, and Stans, a former Commerce secretary, were charged with obstruction of justice last May for allegedly attempting to block a probe into a $200,000 contribution made by financier Robert Vesco to President Nixon's re-election campaign.

Stan's lawyer, Walter J. Bonner, has subpoenaed the White House for additional tapes believed to have been made by the president with former White House aides John Dean and H.R. Haldeman which might be related to the case.

The appeals court ruled last week that Hunt, 55, should be released from jail pending his appeal for a new trial. He has served 10 months of a 30-months to eight year sentence for his part in the break-in at the Democratic campaign headquarters in Washington's Watergate building in 1972.

The court also ordered the release of Bernard Barker, whom Hunt recruited for the Watergate burglary. Barker is expected to be brought to Washington today from Eglin Air Force base in Florida, where he has been serving his sentence.

Hunt had pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy, burglary and wiretapping but appealed for a new trial on the ground that White House aides had suppressed evidence he could have used in his defence.

Barker, who also pleaded guilty, appealed for a new trial on the grounds that he had been deceived by Hunt into thinking the burglary was an official Government operation.

Egyptians report to Soviet envoy in Geneva

GENEVA. — Egypt's military negotiators had talks over lunch here yesterday with Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Vinogradov as Egypt and Israel apparently prepared to discuss new peace moves in Moscow and Washington.

Egypt's Foreign Minister Ismail Farmy is flying to Moscow next week, and Moshe Dayan is on his way to Washington for discussions. In both cases, the Geneva peace talks and what are described vaguely as "other developments" will be brought up.

Yesterday's meeting in Geneva took place at the Soviet mission, and all three members of Egypt's team at the troops withdrawal talks with Israel — Major-General Taha el-Magdoub, Colonel Ahmed Fuad Howeidy, and Dr. Nabil el-Arabi, a civilian adviser, were present.

No details of the talks were disclosed, but they were understood to have been of an informative nature, with the Egyptians probably briefing Mr. Vinogradov on progress so far in the military conversations with Israel, which resume today, on separating the two countries' interlocked forces along the Suez Canal.

The chief Israel negotiator in the military talks, Aluf Mordechai Gur, was in telephone contact yesterday with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan in Tel Aviv, Israeli sources said. It was understood that Gen. Gur reported on developments at Wednesday's session.

At the meeting, Israel demanded strict application by Egypt of the Middle East cease-fire prior to any final agreement on separating their respective forces at the Suez Canal, Israeli sources said yesterday. They said Aluf Gur took up one-and-a half hours of the two hour, 50 minute meeting by listing Egypt's cease-fire violations. *(Reuter, UPI)*

Levich claims son maltreated

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Soviet Professor Benjamin Levich yesterday used a West German outlet to charge Soviet authorities with boycotting his scientific work and preventing him from emigrating to Israel.

The "Action Committee for Jews in the Soviet Union," with headquarters in Aachen, West Germany, published the text of an appeal by Levich, who lives in Moscow, complaining that for some time now he "has not been able to lead a normal existence."

The 55-year-old authority on electrochemistry said in the text released that for the past two years he has been "completely boycotted" by his former pupils and associates.

INSPIRED PAPERS

Levich said scholarly papers inspired by him were published in Russia without mention of his name. Levich's most bitter charge was that his 25-year-old son Yevgeni was being confined in a Soviet military camp as a conscientious objector to military service under what his father called "incredibly inhuman conditions."

Levich claimed the official Soviet aim in holding his son was to "annihilate him physically and mentally."

Schiphol limits hand luggage

AMSTERDAM (UPI). — Police at Schiphol International Airport said yesterday departing passengers will only be allowed to take a minimum of hand luggage along.

Major Erik Gerritsen, police chief, said the measure was taken "because with the most recent hijacking and attacks on aircraft it was established that the offenders had concealed their arms in their hand luggage."

Arab gunmen who recently hijacked a KLM Boeing 747 "had smuggled their arms inside in Beirut by packing them in food cans," he said.

"Inspection of big pieces is difficult and takes much time. Moreover, hijackers can use arms from their luggage before they go on board, as happened in Rome."

Algerian Foreign Minister Abdelaziz Bouteflika, right, takes leave of French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert after a 90-minute meeting at the Quai d'Orsay on Wednesday night. Man in centre is unidentified. Bouteflika is to be received next week by French President Georges Pompidou. (AP radiophoto)

Pompidou sees 'no more than armistice' at Geneva

PARIS (UPI).— President Georges Pompidou said yesterday he does not expect the current Middle East peace talks to lead to a lasting settlement. He said a firm peace will come only if all the Middle Eastern nations involved in the conflict underwrite an accord.

Addressing newsmen at a New Year's Elysee Palace reception, Pompidou said: "Naturally I think that, providing there are no brutal or unexpected events or reactions from one or other side, results will be achieved regarding a military disengagement.

"I cannot even rule out — though it isn't at all certain — that something, perhaps a peace agreement, will be signed between Israel and Egypt or another of Israel's neighbours.

"What makes me pessimistic is the fact that these agreements will not be recognized and approved by all the interested populations and countries, and that ultimately it may look more like some prolonged armistice rather than a definitive peace."

The President said he stuck to his belief that a definitive agreement could come only if it were signed and guaranteed by all the nations in the area.

"I don't think we are moving in that direction at present," he said.

He said France planned no Middle East diplomatic initiative now because "Israel at present thinks we desire its death" and Egypt has "started moving in a different direction." France, he said, was nevertheless ready to provide guarantees to a global peace accord approved by all, and would take part in an international police force.

No Canadian gifts for visiting Peking surgeons

OTTAWA (AP). — A proposal to present visiting Chinese doctors with three $1,800 Canadian-developed blood-vessel staplers apparently has been rejected by the Canadian Health Department.

The four Chinese doctors, who started a 10-day visit on Wednesday, are regarded as world leaders in limb reimplantation, a procedure in which the staplers sometimes are used.

Dr. Walter G. Waddell of Ottawa, an organizer for the visit, told a newsman on Wednesday the Canadian Health Department appears to have rejected the idea, possibly because the gifts would establish a precedent for giving lavish mementos to foreign visitors.

The device threads the blood vessels through a bushing and then clamps them together with staples smaller than the head of a pin instead of the standard needle-and-thread procedure.

The Chinese do not use suturing instruments in their reimplantation techniques. They join blood vessels and nerves by hand stitching.

In a two-day visit to Ottawa next Monday and Tuesday, the Chinese doctors are to see the suturing instrument demonstrated as well as films and slides of the instrument in use during operations.

LJ. Vogelfanger, surgical research chief at Civic Hospital who developed the stapler during 16 years of research with National Research Council engineers, said he was sorry the visitors would see only a limited use of the instrument.

He said the instrument could join blood vessels as small as one millimetre. He said it has reduced the time of some kidney, heart and bowel operations by more than half.

'Washington Star' views elections

Choice between conquests and peace

WASHINGTON. — The "Washington Star-News" yesterday said that since Israel's National Religious Party "also favours Israeli retention of the West Bank of Jordan, Mrs. Meir will find herself with little room for manoeuvre at Geneva."

"Nevertheless," it continued, "if balloting cannot be construed as an overwhelming mandate for Mrs. Meir's leadership and policies, neither is it a clear-cut vote of confidence for any of her opponents, inside or outside the Labour coalition. At least the results make possible continuation of the initiatives begun by the Meir Government at Geneva. While Israeli distrust of Arab intentions is understandable, Israel must realize that she can have her 1967 conquests, or she can have peace. But she cannot have both.

"The Arabs, for their part, must make it clear that they recognize Israel's right to exist," the paper said.

In London "The Guardian" said, "Israel's voters have reprimanded but not rejected Mrs. Meir. She still has a mandate to continue the search for peace with the Arabs at Geneva through negotiations and some concessions. But the scope which Mrs. Meir possesses now has been seriously straitened by the elections."

"The full picture is not complete yet." "The Guardian" noted, but said that "it is clear that Israel has swung to the right."

Tass said yesterday the ruling Israel Labour Party lost seats in this week's general election because of the "heavy losses" suffered by the Israeli army in the October war.

Using its regular technique of quoting others to make its own point, the Soviet news agency said, "The press believes that the influence of the bloc of the ruling parties drops as a result of the consequences of the armed conflict in October in which the Israeli army sustained heavy losses and lost vast quantities of military equipment."

It also said that because none of the parties earned a majority in the Knesset, talks on forming a coalition government "are going to be long drawn out."

In Taipei, Taiwan, the English-language "China News" said the results of Israeli elections would not contribute to the cause of Middle East peace.

"Golda Meir, who can scarcely be considered a dove, lost ground, but not to those with more compromising views," the paper said. "Her Labour Party gave up seats to hawks who want to yield almost nothing to the Arabs. Hawk extremists blame Mrs. Meir and her government for Arab gains in the Yom Kippur War."

It predicted: "The Labour Party will continue governing in a coalition but with somewhat restricted freedom of action," and said this was the time for Dr. Henry Kissinger, the U.S. Secretary of State, to "impress upon Mrs. Meir that Israel, not the Arabs, is in occupation of land belonging to others.

"If further war is to be averted, Israel will have to make a sizeable gesture of conciliation," the newspaper said.

Detroit's first black mayor takes office

DETROIT (UPI). — Coleman A. Young took office on Wednesday as the first black mayor of Detroit with an appeal for blacks and whites to work together to end the racism and crime blighting the city.

He warned dope pushers, muggers and "rip-off artists" to "hit the road."

U.S. gas 50 cents a gallon

10-gallon limit at pumps

WASHINGTON. — The price of gasoline at the pump rose to more than 50 cents a gallon in many parts of the U.S. yesterday as oil companies and independent distributors agreed to set a limit of 10 gallons of gasoline per customer at stations.

William E. Simon, head of the Federation Energy Office, told a news conference that U.S. consumption of oil was 500,000 barrels per day below the forecast for the current week and 800,000 barrels per day below the forecast for the last four weeks.

The price of gasoline, which reached as high as 57.9 cents per gallon at some Washington area stations, was mostly the result of passed-on price increases in the cost of raw materials.

Simon said he expected prices to go up by a minimum of 8 cents a gallon and a maximum of 11 cents within the next two months, partly to compensate dealers for the decreased amount of business because they have less gasoline and part to reflect the rising costs of crude oil.

Simon's office a few days a predicted a 10 cent rise by Mar 1. There have been some predictio the price of gasoline ultimately m approach $1 per gallon in t U.S. It is even more in some oth countries.

Simon said the Internal Reven Service checked more than 2,5 gasoline stations across the nati during the past weekend and fou some of them charging as high $2 a gallon for gasoline. He a IRS agents found 409 price vio tions during the weekend.

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Abu Dhabi buying 32 Mirages, U.S. reports

WASHINGTON (AP). — A small Persian Gulf Sheikhdom, which struck it rich in oil in recent years, is buying about $90m. worth of advanced jet fighters from France, according to U.S. intelligence sources.

Abu Dhabi's purchase of 32 Mirages makes no military sense to American officials. Allied with six other little emirates, Abu Dhabi has a border dispute with Saudi Arabia, but nobody here thinks that Abu Dhabi, population about 80,000, would chance a war with Saudi Arabia, population 7 million-plus.

One U.S. official said Abu Dhabi may be "trying to demonstrate its sovereignty." But others believe the sheikhdom has the money, "so it wants to buy some of this, some of that — like out of a mail order catalogue."

According to recent intelligence reports, Abu Dhabi has bought 18 Mirage III interceptors which are to be delivered in two years. This order comes on top of an earlier buy of 14 Mirage V ground attack planes, due to be completed this year.

Since Abu Dhabi has no competent jet pilots and mechanics of its own, U.S. officials said, the Mirages will be flown and maintained by members of the Pakistani air force for at least several years.

Meanwhile, Abu Dhabi is reported to have agreed to place its Mirages at the disposal of Pakistan in the event of an emergency there. This arrangement may disturb India, Pakistan's rival in South Asia.

Abu Dhabi's armed forces, numbering only about 8,000 men, are officered by British and Pakistani military men, mostly retired from their own services.

The French, who have been hustling to sell arms to the rich oil-producing states, have been reported selling 38 Mirages to Saudi Arabia.

The U.S. has been trying to compete with the French in arms sales to major Persian Gulf nations, but officials said this country is opposed to equipping small states like Abu Dhabi with sophisticated weapons, which one U.S. source called "expensive and dangerous toys." Over the past two years, the U.S. has sold Abu Dhabi less than $1m. worth of small arms — "a few revolvers and weapons like that, but nothing of any significance."

Second U.S. oil rig damaged in North Sea

ABERDEEN, Scotland (AP). — A North Sea oil rig Transworld 61 w a crew of 14 on board was damag on Wednesday and is on tow to N way for repairs, the Aberdeen Co Guard reported. It was the sec American-owned rig to hit trou in 24 hours.

The Coast Guard said the rig s fered "structural deterioration" its two legs while operating 180 k from Shetland Islands, which lie the north-eastern tip of Scotlan

Forty-eight of the crew w transferred to a nearby supply sh

"There is no danger," a Co Guard spokesman said.

The oil rig is listed in Lloyds owned by the Transworld Drill Company of Madisonville, Louisi The area where it was operat is often lashed by storms and ga On Tuesday the American rig Tra ocean III sank 160 km. east of Orkneys. All 56 members of crew were safely evacuated by h copter.

Partial Kuwaiti takeover of 2 Western oil firms

BEIRUT (AP). — Kuwait has reached agreement with two major Western oil companies for a 60 per cent government takeover of their operations, Kuwait's Defence and Interior Minister, Sheikh Saad el-Abdullah, said yesterday.

In an interview with the Beirut daily "An-Nahar," Saad said the agreement, affecting the Gulf Oil Corp. and British Petroleum (BP), will soon be introduced into parliament and will leave the door open for total nationalization within five years.

Gulf and BP jointly own the Kuwait Oil Company, which produces more than 90 per cent of Kuwait's crude oil.

The Kuwait parliament, which last year rejected an agreement that would have given Kuwait an initial 25 per cent ownership expanding to 51 per cent by 1982, has recently been pressing for total nationalization of the foreign oil interests.

"The negotiated agreement preserves the government's right to raise gradually its participation share to 70, 80, 90 or 100 per cent by 1979," Sheikh Saad said.

"This means the bill to be introduced into parliament would stipulate complete nationalization when technical crews and experience in management, drilling, prospecting and marketing are all insured," the Sheikh added.

In the U.S. yesterday, Amoco, Sun Oil and Standard Oil of Ohio have joined the list of U.S. oil companies announcing a new round of increases in the price of gasoline, heating oil and other petroleum products.

Spokesman for the companies said the hikes reflect the soaring prices of imported and some domestic oil. They said that in the case of heating oil, part of the increase was allowed through a federal incentive programme designed to increase production by permitting larger price boosts.

More companies were expected to announce increases shortly. Experts say retail prices might go up as much as 1.5 cents a gallon more than the announced wholesale increases. The Federal Energy Office said on Tuesday that it was allowing wholesalers to increase prices by as much as a half and retailers by as much as cent to reflect increased operat costs.

The U.S. Bureau of Labour st tics, meanwhile, has identified American industries which heavily dependent on petroleum which could suffer severe unem ment if fuel supplies are cut sharply.

The information was given to Federal Energy Office for gui in planning fuel allocation grammes.

The industries listed includ metic and cleaning supplies transportation, new construc water and sanitary services, bacco products, food produ chemical products, local subur and inter-urban highway transp tion, electric utility, plastic m ials, real estate, drugs, w transportation, motor vehicle ma facture, and railroads.

Oil spill threatens Caspian marine life

TEHERAN (AP). — Oil spill the Soviet side of the Caspian Se threatening marine life on the I ian side, Iranian Environmental C servation officials said yesterday.

Kamal Banani, who headed Iranian team of experts, repo tar-like substance deposited storms last November covers 60 kms. of beaches east and of Bandarpahlavi — main centr the Iranian caviar industry.

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6 KILLED BY REBEL ROCKETS IN HEART OF PHNOM PENH

PHNOM PENH (UPI). — Ten Soviet-built 122-mm. rockets exploded in the heart of downtown Phnom Penh yesterday, striking the General Staff Headquarters, a crowded refugee centre and a military hospital, police said. At least six persons were killed and 45 others wounded, police said.

The attacks came 18 hours after rebel gunners lobbed six 105-mm. artillery rounds from a captured American howitzer into a squatters area on the northern fringes of the capital. One person was killed and nine others were wounded in the artillery attacks late Wednesday night, police said.

In yesterday's attack, the first rocket destroyed a large stone and brick house located in a Buddhist monastery only 200 metres east of the Cambodian army's General Staff Headquarters. One man was killed and 13 persons, including a monk, were wounded in the fire set off by the explosion, police said.

A second rocket exploded near a crowded fish market, killing a motorcycle driver, police said. Two other rockets exploded inside the General Staff Headquarters, killing one soldier. Another rocket hit a wing of the Cambodian army's 701st military hospital, killing one and wounding four, police said.

In Saigon, Communist forces fired 151 rounds of 61-mm. and 82-mm. mortar fire and 13 rounds of 107-mm. rocket fire on Wednesday against 18 government military positions in the Mekong Delta of South Vietnam, the Saigon high command said yesterday. Five troops were killed and 14 others wounded.

'Quiet' U.S. reduction of forces in Thailand

BANGKOK (AP). — The U.S. has quietly reduced its military forces in Thailand by more than 7 per cent since September, and a squadron of super-secret electronic warfare planes is now being shipped home, it was reported yesterday.

Gen. Kriengsak Chamanand, deputy chairman of the Thai Joint Chiefs of Staff, told newsmen that the total reduction of 3,700 U.S. servicemen would bring the U.S. force level in Thailand down to below 35,000 by the end of this week. The all-time peak was 48,000 in 1968-69.

Other sources said most of the reduction had taken place gradually since September and that a cut which started on Wednesday includes 600 servicemen and 25 planes.

Gen. Kriengsak said that an official Defence Ministry announcement probably would be issued today. There was no immediate comment from U.S. officials.

After the first stage of a "phased" force reduction in August and September, the U.S. announced it had about 38,500 servicemen and about 600 aircraft — including about 350 fighters, bombers and other "strike" craft — based in Thailand.

Since the August 15 Cambodia bombing halt ended the U.S. combat flying role in Indo-China, American strike planes have been flying only training missions, according to U.S. military authorities.

Their operations have been cut due to the fuel crisis, but U.S. military spokesman have said their combat capability remains unimpaired.

North Vietnam has complained repeatedly that U.S. reconnaissance planes have been violating Communist airspace since the January Vietnam "cease-fire."

U.S. authorities in Bangkok and Saigon have both denied the claims and refused to comment. But U.S. military sources in Saigon have acknowledged that U.S. reconnaissance flights have been carried out over both North and South Vietnam since the cease-fire.

Greeks admit using Yiaros island prison

ATHENS (AP). — Greek security police confirmed that political prisoners are being held in the island concentration camp of Yiaros, the mother of a political detainee said yesterday. A military source indicated that more arrests have recently been made.

The mother of Nicholas Klaos said police told her that her son had been transferred to the island camp when she had gone to take him a package at the Boyati Prison near Athens. Her son had been held at Boyati since November 18.

This was the first known time Greek authorities have confirmed the reopening of the concentration camp. Yiaros had been closed in 1968 following international protests.

Klaos' father reported he had spoken with the families of other political prisoners who told him they had also been informed by security police that their relatives had been taken to the concentration camp.

Cuba displays Soviet arms on Revolution day

HAVANA (Reuter). — Soviet tanks and artillery rumbled through Havana's streets on Wednesday as Cuba celebrated the 15th anniversary of Premier Fidel Castro's revolution with an impressive display of military might.

It was the first January 2 parade held since Dr. Castro's decision seven years ago that they should not be held regularly for economic reasons.

Mig-21 fighters swooped overhead during the half-hour parade through the Cuban capital's huge Revolution Square, where Dr. Castro, his brother Raul, the armed forces minister, and President Osvaldo Dorticos took the salute.

In his hour-long speech, Major Raul Castro said the Cuban revolution was stronger than ever despite what he said were 15 years of efforts by U.S. presidents "from Eisenhower to Nixon" to topple the Castro Government.

A surprise guest on the official platform was Chilean socialist leader Carlos Altamirano, the most sought-after political leader in Chile. It was not known how and when he arrived in Cuba.

3 U.S. NAVY MEN HELD IN FILIPINO DRUG RAIDS

MANILA (AP). — Thirteen persons, including three U.S. Navy men, were arrested in raids by government anti-narcotics operatives in Olongapo and Angeles cities, the newspaper "Bulletin Today" reported yesterday.

The rest of those arrested were Filipinos near the U.S. Clark Air Force base in Angeles, 70 kms. north of Manila.

The report said the arrest of the Americans, who were later turned over to their commanding officers "in deference to the U.S.-Philippine military bases agreement," brought to 48 the total number of Americans and 614 the total number of persons held in the government's anti-narcotics campaign since martial law was imposed 15 months ago.

New Zealand rejects French view on tests

WELLINGTON (AP). — New Zealand's acting Prime Minister Hugh Watt yesterday rejected comments by French President Georges Pompidou that Pacific nuclear tests are legal and have been scientifically established as not harming human health and environment.

New Zealand does not accept this assertion, Watt said.

"The New Zealand and Australian case before the International Court proceeds on the basis the tests certainly are not legal and the case will also point to the effects on the human environment which testing produces," he said.

Press can't report drachma devalued

ATHENS (AP). — Greek censorship officials have forbidden newspapers to report that the drachma has been devalued relative to the dollar, several editors reported yesterday.

"We were called up from the press secretariat and given instructions not to write a news item about the devaluation, though the new parity can be listed within the foreign exchange column on the economics page," one editor said.

The Bank of Greece last week announced that the dollar rose from 28 to 29.3 drachmas. Only two months ago the government of ex-Premier Spyros Markezinis had revalued the drachma by 10 per cent against all other currencies, putting the dollar at only 27 drachmas. A month later it was lifted to 28 drachmas.

10 miners killed in South Africa mishap

WITBANK, South Africa (AP). — At least 10 coal miners were killed and five others injured yesterday in an underground explosion at Albion collieries.

The cause of the blast was not immediately known. Rescue teams were digging into the shattered workings to determine whether other miners were trapped.

Witbank is a coal mining community about 150 km. east of Johannesburg.

Morocco, Spain end fisheries dispute

RABAT (UPI). — Morocco and Spain have signed an agreement ending a months-long dispute over fishing rights off the Moroccan coast, Spanish industry sources said yesterday.

According to the sources, the agreement allows 200 Spanish boats to fish the Moroccan offshore zone.

Moroccan coastguard vessels and Spanish fishing boats have been involved in numerous incidents since Morocco announced last March it was extending its territorial limits from 12 to 70 miles.

COSTLY. — A six-month go-slow strike by air controllers last year cost West Germany's Lufthansa airline more than 200m. marks, about $75m., the Bonn Government said yesterday. The air controllers returned to full work schedules following a government promise to investigate their demands for more pay and better technical facilities.

Nixon accepts $3,500m. cut in defence

SAN CLEMENTE, California (UPI) — President Nixon on Wednesday signed a $73.7b. 1974 defence appropriation bill, accepting without comment a cut of $3.5b. from the amount he asked Congress to approve.

The bill, nearly $2b. less than Congress voted in 1973, provides the funds for military pay, operations, weapons procurement and research and development until June 30.

Nixon had said in submitting an original request for $77.25b. that not another penny could be cut from military spending without endangering the national security.

Among items funded by the bill were:

— Fifty Navy F14 Tomcat jets at $650m.

— 62 Air Force F15 Eagle jets at $762m.

— The Air Force B1 bomber, still in development but now expected to cost over $55m. per plane.

11 new faces in Spanish Government

MADRID (UPI). — Prime Minister Carlos Arias Navarro yesterday reshuffled the Spanish Government, dismissing 11 of the 19 ministers and shifting two others to new jobs.

The new chief of government, successor to assassinated Premier Adm. Luis Carrero Blanco, created what sources close to government called a "Cabinet of national unity," replacing many ministers belonging to factions of the regime by men with no other known political affiliation than their strict loyalty to Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

Arias dropped such key ministers as Vice-Premier Torcuato Fernandez-Miranda, the acting chief of government until Arias was sworn in on Wednesday, and Foreign Minister Laureano Lopez Rodo, a member of Opus Dei (God's Work), the Roman Catholic lay organization. The organization, whose members had held top technocrat jobs in previous governments, has no adherent in the new government. Lopez Rodo's successor as Foreign Minister is career diplomat Pedro Cortina, Spain's Ambassador to Paris and the chief negotiator of recent commercial accords with the Soviet Union and China.

Arias, interior minister in the Cabinet that automatically resigned on Carrero's death, also reorganized the Cabinet, increasing the number of Vice-Premiers from one to three.

New Interior Minister Jose Garcia Hernandez, a moderate Falangist with close ties to Franco, became first Vice-Premier. The second and third Vice-Premiers are men who were retained by Arias from the previous Cabinet — Finance Minister Antonio Barrera de Irimo and Labour Minister Licinio de la Fuente.

An Information Ministry announcement said the new government will begin to function with the publication of a decree naming the ministers in today's official state bulletin. Parliamentary approval is not needed in Spain.

Former Soviet Air Force chief dies

MOSCOW (AP). — Chief Air Marshal Konstantin A. Vershinin, who twice headed the Soviet Air Force, has died at age 73 after a long illness, Tass reported on Wednesday.

Vershinin fought in the Civil War and then entered the Air Force Academy and rose to command positions during World War Two. From 1946 to 1949 he was chief of the Air Force and again in 1957 took over the post. In 1969 Vershinin became an inspector in the Ministry of Defence.

WESTERN SINGER TEX RITTER DIES

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (Reuter). — Tex Ritter, whose plaintiff cowboy songs and bluff humour made him an American legend during the last four decades, died here after a heart attack Wednesday at the age of 67.

DEATH. — Gino Cervi, leading Italian stage and movie actor, died at his seaside villa near Grosseto on the Tyrrhenian coast of Tuscany yesterday, aged 73. He won international fame for his performance as the Communist village mayor in the "Don Camillo" movie series which started in 1952.

The wreckage caused by a bomb explosion Wednesday night at the Bell Nicholson and Lunt Building in Birmingham, England, is shown. (AP radiophoto)

Amin would feed Britons bananas — if they kneel

LONDON (AP). — President Idi Amin of Uganda has come out with his contribution towards alleviating the economic woes of Britain — bananas.

Amin told an interviewer on the British broadcasting corporation's television programme on Wedneday that he will send bananas if Britons look like going without food.

Amin claimed that Britain is now in "chaos" and may soon seek financial aid from Uganda. "Actually I am not against the British at all," he said. "I am prepared to help them." But he added: "It is now the time for Africa to control the imperialists, and if they come to Uganda they must kneel down to us."

U.K. to fight 'excessive' wage demands

LONDON (UPI). — Prime Minister Edward Heath's government has confirmed its determination not to bow to labour union pay demands it considers excessive, government officials said yesterday.

With up to a million workers already laid off, according to government estimates, officials said a crisis cabinet meeting decided to dig in for what could be a long, bitter industrial siege against crippling slowdowns by 260,000 coal miners and 29,000 railroad locomotive drivers.

The jobless total soared as a result of a three-day work week ordered by the government to save dwindling fuel stockpiles.

"My colleagues and I are absolutely clear that this is a generous offer," said Employment Secretary William Whitelaw, referring to a 16.5 per cent increase turned down by the coal miners. The miners demanded pay increases of up to 25 per cent.

Mick McGahey, Vice-President of the National Union of Mine Workers, branded the 16.5 per cent offer "an insult" and said the miners next week will consider turning their slowdown — which already has cut coal output by 40 per cent — into a full scale walkout.

But the Locomotive Drivers' Union said it is ready for more talks with the state-run British Rail Board before deciding whether also to turn its slowdown into an all-out strike.

HANGED. — An unemployed Zairean who stabbed a state policeman to death as he was being taken to the police station for alleged rape, was hanged on Wednesday, authorities announced yesterday in Lubumbashi, Zaire.

U.K.-wide bomb alert after two IRA blasts

LONDON (UPI). — Police yesterday ordered a bomb alert throughout Britain after two Irish Republican Army (IRA) time bombs exploded in the heart of Birmingham, a police spokesman said.

"If the attacks follow previous patterns, we can expect bombs in other areas," he said.

Neither of the bombs caused casualties, but one wrecked a store inside the New Street Shopping Centre, the spokesman said. The second bomb exploded harmlessly against a warehouse near police headquarters in the Midlands Industrial Centre.

The bombs were the first outside London in the two-week-old IRA terror campaign that has injured 81 persons in 25 explosions but caused no deaths.

The Army stepped up patrols in Protestant neighbourhoods in Belfast yesterday in an effort to halt the surge in bomb attacks across the province, army sources said. They attributed half the 10 bomb blasts in the past 48 hours to Protestants seeking to sabotage the new coalition government. The rest were set off by the IRA for the same purpose, they said.

Police in London discounted a report from Beirut that the Palestinian terrorist movement has agreed to cooperate with the IRA in the bomb campaign, a spokesman said.

The report, published in Beirut's "Al Liwa" newspaper, quoted terrorist sources as saying the Palestinians have been helping the IRA in the recent bomb blasts.

British Intelligence Agencies have long suspected the IRA of having links with the Palestinians, but sources said they believed this was restricted to arms shipments from the Middle East and possibly joint training exercises.

The report of Palestinian involvment coincided with the detention of an 18-year-old American girl caught on Saturday carrying pistols into Britain for alleged use by Arab gunmen, and with the attempted assassination of a British Jewish businessman on Sunday.

Britain may deport Allison Thompson of Santa Barbara, Calif. back to the U.S. rather than charge her here, police sources said yesterday. Scotland Yard and the Home Office imposed blanket secrecy on what one official termed "this security matter."

But spokesmen discounted headlines in almost every British newspaper saying that the girl and two Arabs arrested with her were the intended core of an "Arab terrorist" cell being formed in London.

Official sources identified the two men being held with Miss Thompson as Abelkhir Hakaoiu, 24, a Moroccan, and Atler Naseen, 21, a Pakistani. Two other Arabs were under arrest in London; however, officials said they were not connected with the trio.

It also was reported that the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the U.S. is seeking two other persons who cancelled a trip to London after the arrests were made.

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Tass flays new Solzhenitsyn book

MOSCOW (UPI). — In an attack which questions both the quality of the book and the patriotism of the author, the Tass news agency has made the first official reaction to Alexander I. Solzenitsyn's new work.

Tass said on Wednesday night the book, "The Gulag Archipelago," is a "gross defamation of the entire Soviet people."

The book, a 606-page indictment of Soviet prison camps and police methods, was published in Russian in Paris last week with translations in other major languages due to follow shortly.

Tass did not say whether any measures are being prepared against Solzhenitsyn for publishing the book abroad in contradiction to the Soviet definition of copyright law.

Tass said the interest aroused by the book in the West was "certainly not" due to its literary merits, which the agency said Western reviewers were forced to ignore.

Rather, "the new anti-Soviet political lampoon was sent by Mr. Solzhenitsyn to the West as a New Year's present to the enemies of his motherland," Tass said.

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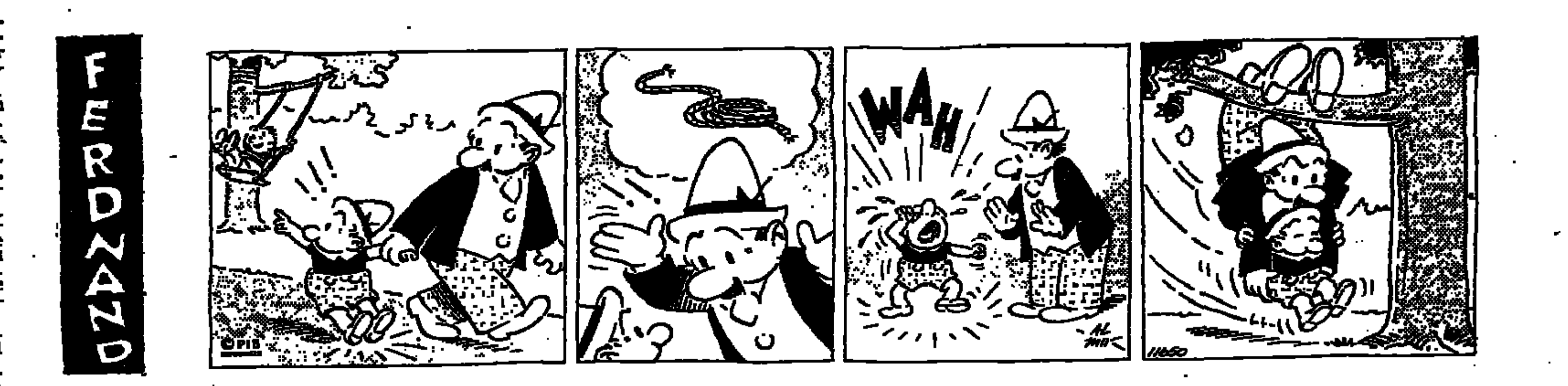

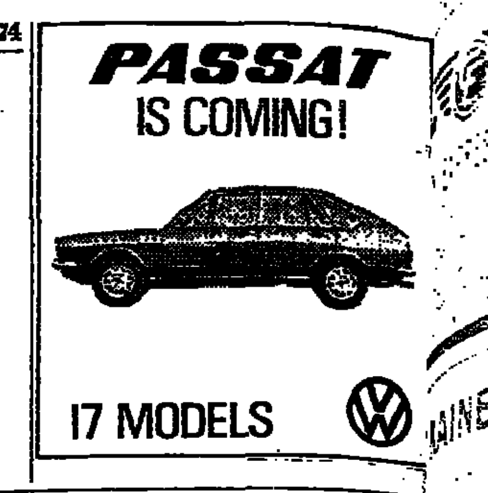

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JERUSALEM

Yeshurun Synagogue: Today: Minha, 4.15 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat, 4.50 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.00 a.m., Minha Gdola, 12.45 p.m. Minha, 4.25 p.m. Arvit, 5.25 p.m.

Hechal Shlomo: Today: Minha, 4.15 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat, 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.00 a.m. Minha, 4.25 p.m. Arvit 6.25 p.m.

Emet Ve'emuna (Rehov Narkiss 1): Tonight, 4.45 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Avraham Hazan. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.15 a.m.

Italian Synagogue (Hillel St.): Tonight: Minha, 4.15 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

Yeshivat Hakotel (Old City): Tonight: Minha, 4.30 p.m. (Traditional march to the Wall followed by Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.00 p.m. Arvit (at the Synagogue), 5.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 6.30 a.m. Minha, 12.30 p.m.

Chabad-Lubavich Synagogue (Rehov Chabad, Jewish Quarter, Old City): Shahrit: 8.30 a.m. Kiddush following services.

The Sephardi Synagogues-Ribas (Old City): Tonight: Minha, 4.15 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat, 4.60 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: Sephardi Minyan, 7.30 a.m. Ashkenazi Minyan, 8.00 a.m. Minha, 4.25 p.m.

Beit Knesset Mercazi, Talbieh: (14 Rehov Hovevei Zion, Talbieh): Tonight: 4.15 p.m. Minha, 1.00 p.m.

Har-El Synagogue (Progressive Judaism) 16 Rehov Shmuel Hanagid, near Bezalel Museum. Tonight: 5.00 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi A. Zaoui. Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m.

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Neve Schechter, behind the Israel Museum): Tonight: 4.23 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8.30 a.m.

Kehilat Mevakshi Derech: (14 Rehov Ibn Gvirol). Shabbat Services: 9.00 a.m.

World Council of Synagogues (Conservative) at United Synagogue of America Centre (Rehov Agron 4). Tonight: Kabbalat Shabbat, 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.

Young Israel (28 Rehov Ben-Tsion, Givat Shaul). Tonight: 4.27 p.m. Shahrit, 8.30 a.m. Shiur Halahat Shabbat, 8.35 p.m. Arvit, 7.05 p.m.

Young Israel (Rehov Bar-Yohai 47, Katamon). Tonight: 4.27 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

Young Israel (Block 107, Sanhedria Murhevet). Tonight: 4.27 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

Young Israel (Rehov Hapsigah, Bayit Vegan). Tonight: 4.27 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 p.m.

Hebrew Union College (Rehov David Hamelech 13). Saturday: 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

The Great Synagogue, (110 Allenby Road). Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.00 a.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (86 Rehov Ben Yehuda). Tonight: Minha, 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 6.30 & 8.30 a.m. Minha, 4.30 p.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (Balfour School, Rehov Balfour 12). Tonight: Minha, 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.00 a.m. Minha, 4.30 p.m.

Beit Haknesset Geulat Yisrael (Rehov Mercaz Ba'alei Melacha 16). Tonight: 6.00 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Kehilat Sinai (Conservative, B'nai Brit House, 10 Rehov Kaplan, corner Hameasfim). Tomorrow: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Parashat Hashavua: Rabbi Davis Weiss.

Kedem Synagogue (Progressive Judaism, 20 Rehov Carlebach): Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Moshe Zemer.

Kehilat Ramat Aviv (Tel Aviv University, Jacob-Efter Hall, Peretz Naphtali Bldg.): Tonight, 5.00 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Sapirstein.

RAMAT GAN

Hatechila Synagogue: Tonight: 4.40 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 7.45 a.m. Parashat Hashavua: Mr. Barkol. Minha, 4.30 p.m. Shiur Gemara, Mr. Weizman.

Emeth Ve'anava Congregation (Progressive Judaism): 57 Derech Jabotinsky. Friday: 6 p.m. Saturday: 9.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi T. Ben-Shorin.

Beth Haknesset Ramat Hen (5 Rehov Ramat Hen): Friday: Minha, 6.00 p.m. Saturday: Shahrit, 7.45 a.m.

KFAR SABA

Hamizrayn—Hahadash (Schechunat Ellezer) Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Furman.

PETAH TIKVA

Young Israel (Ramat Werber School, Rehov Anderson). Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Talmud: 7.00 a.m. Services: 8.00 a.m.

KIRON

Young Israel (Rehov Shlomo Hamelech) Friday: 4.45 p.m. Saturday: 8.00 a.m.

KFAR SHMARYAHU

Beit Haknesset Hechal Habanim: Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Shmuel Avidor Hacohen.

HERZLIYA

Young Israel (Hotel Hod, Rehov Hanassi). Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.45 a.m.

NETANYA

Beth Yisrael (Conservative) (18 Rav Kook Street). Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.00 a.m.

Netanya Progressive Congregation — (16 Rehov Smilanky). Tonight: 5.45 p.m.

New Synagogue of Netanya (Rehov David Hamelech 11; Sea Entrance, Rehov Hamapilim 6). Friday: 4.45 p.m., Saturday: 8.30 a.m. Emanuel Forman, Rabbi.

HAIFA

Moriah Congregation (7 Rehov Horeb), Ahuza). Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Charles Siegel.

Haifa Progressive Congregation Or Hadash (The new Beit Rothschild, Sderot Hanassi, Mercaz Hakarmel). Friday: 5.30 p.m. Saturday: 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Morton Hoffman.

RISHON LEZION

Young Israel (34 Rehov Hanotrim). Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: 6.30 a.m.

REHOVOT

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OCTOBER WAR DIDN'T SPUR ALIYA

Katzir proposes forum to increase links between Diaspora and Israel

THE establishment of an advisory council working under the auspices of the President to act as a forum on the spiritual and cultural links between World Jewry and Israel has been proposed by President Katzir. He was speaking at the close of a three-day seminar on "World Jewry and the State of Israel: The Yom Kippur War" held at the Presidential residence and chaired by Professor Moshe Davis of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry.

By all accounts the Jewish masses reacted impressively during the Yom Kippur War. Prof. Shlomo Avineri of the Hebrew University said, "1973 proved the centrality of Israel — for better or worse" and Prof. Ernest Krausz of Bar-Ilan University spoke of "a shared sense of peoplehood." This was borne out by the reports from some of the participants from other countries — Prof. Chaim Perelman from Belgium stated that the relationship to Israel is the only unifying element in Jewish life in his country, while Prof. Adolphe Steg, president of the Representative Council of Jewish Institutions in France (CRIF), was prepared to say that the events of the past few months have meant the end of assimilation in France.

Of course, recent developments should not be viewed in isolation. The natural tendency is to compare what happened in 1973 with 1967. The general feeling is that 1967 was more of a traumatic experience in the Jewish world than 1973 ("1967 was decisive—not 1973," said Rabbi Mordecai Waxman from the U.S.). 1973 had a *deja vu* quality—a Second Seder anticlimax. To many, the sense of urgency did not come through. In 1967, Jews feared for the very future of Israel for the weeks preceding the War and for the first day. In 1973, when the danger was in fact much greater, this never got through. As one speaker said, "For the first few days, when there was real danger, we were fed by the image projected over the last six years and by the confident statements of your generals. When we did get round to understanding the danger that had developed, the major threat had passed."

One war

It was Mr. Avraham Harman, President of the Hebrew University, who added a further perspective when he asked, "Why this concentration on comparisons with 1967 — why not with 1948?" Dr. Kissinger's reminder at Geneva that this has been One War since 1948 (and indeed its roots go back much further) is timely in this context. Israel-Diaspora relations cannot be analysed in sections but require historical examination in their fullest perspective — with each point of reference leading back to an earlier one. Certainly 1948 saw the Jewish reactions emerging into exactly the same frameworks that made such impressions in 1967 and 1973 — the tremendous upsurge in economic support, the volunteering movement (Machal), the intense political lobbying and the acutely heightened Jewish identification both in the Western world and the U.S.S.R. as well, of course, as the beginning of mass aliya. What has happened since — including as a result of the Yom Kippur War — has been a continuation or renewal of existing processes.

Considerable attention at the seminar was paid to reactions in intellectual circles. The picture that emerged was at times contradictory (Prof. Marie Syrkin of the U.S. characterised it as ranging "from muted concern to indifference," whereas Prof. Emil Fackenheim of Canada found that "this time Jewish professors did not hesitate to approach their non-Jewish colleagues on Israel's behalf").

Arab propaganda

But the general picture was of the successful impact on intellectuals — Jews and non-Jews — of the Arab propaganda line since 1967. The disappearance of the threats against Israel's existence and their replacement by the stress on regaining lost territory, together with arguments for the Palestinians' right of self-determination, attracted considerable sympathy. The concept of the "Third World," with Israel manoeuvred outside, is highly popular. Speaker after speaker referred to "apathy," with Professor Maurice Freedman of Oxford saying that for many, Israel is at best "boring." The New Left, which seemed to offer a challenge in the late 1960s, has collapsed — but it has left a legacy in that much of its ideology has been absorbed and provides axiomatic premises for today's intellectual thinking. Professor Freedman commented that Israel is now seen as too developed to qualify for sentimental attachment and is no longer an object for sympathy as it used to be in the past.

The reaction of committed Jewish students was criticised by Dr. Shelly Streiter of the London School of Economics. The fact that they had raised considerable sums on American campuses was an achievement — but he deplored the fact that the main student response should be expressed through fund-raising instead of something more

President Ephraim Katzir

original and dynamic. He also found that their on-campus information activities lacked initiative and were generally triggered off as a reaction to those of pro-Arab students.

Several speakers alluded to Israel's information policies. Professor Freedman said "Intellectuals will not believe that the right is all on one side. The Arabs have a case and the intellectuals are alienated if you try and tell them that Israel is right in all respects." In any case, he added, an image of toughness and military efficiency is not what attracts today's intellectuals. Others pointed to the information dilemma — should we project Israel as strong or weak? In fact, this dilemma is no novelty. Israel has to speak to several destinations and inevitably some will be unsatisfied. For example, it has been suggested that the confident statements were made by the generals during the first days of the War in order to pull the wool over Jordan's eyes and deter her from entering the War. I do not know if this is true or not — but if it were, it would surely be justifiable even though it meant we were unable to whip up a full measure of support in the outside world and lost some of our credibility image.

It was suggested by Prof. Daniel Elazar of Bar-Ilan and Temple Universities that the events of the War had led to a greater polarization within the Jewish community. Those who had been committed were now more committed; those who had been apathetic were now more indifferent. There was little evidence of Jews abandoning the positions where they stood before the War. Speakers who referred to the situation in the U.S.S.R. came to similar conclusions.

There were no signs that 1973 — unlike 1948 or 1967 — had given a fillip to aliya. Professor Freedman, for example, commented, "The English community finds itself increasingly isolated by its support for Israel — this will express itself in increased contributions but not in increased aliya." It was the Israeli and not the overseas participants who raised the issue of aliya — with Walter Eytan calling it the "basic link between Israel and World Jewry" that comes as the result not of a one-time operation but of a long educational process and Moshe Rivlin of the Jewish Agency decrying the fact that before the State modern historical periods in this country were reckoned by periods of aliya but since 1948 they are reckoned by wars.

The issue of the memory of the Holocaust, which appeared so prominent at the time of the Six Day War, did not crop up naturally in the discussions and was only injected by those scholars with a special interest in the subject. As Rabbi Waxman put it: "1967 had as its framework the Holocaust; 1973 had as its framework the Six Day War." On the other hand, S. Yizhar pointed to the fact that of all the peoples in the world, it is only the Jews who live in fear of a *churban*.

It was S. Yizhar, presenting the discussions in the subcommittee on the implications of recent events for Israeli education (vis-a-vis the Diaspora), who reported that difficult questions were today being asked among Israel's troops. "Why do I have to be a Jew? Why can't we live like any other people?" This questioning of identity parallels that which has been heard in World Jewry for some time and brings together young Jews here and abroad in the same self-questioning — with a parallel, and often identical, challenge to Jewish education.

U.S. Jewish scholar dies

OAKLAND Calif. (UPI). — Jacques Abramowitsch, a scholar who "brought the richness of the Jewish tradition," to Holy Names College, a Roman Catholic institution, has died at the age of 70.

Abramowitsch, a prominent educator, distinguished linguist and patron of music at the liberal arts college since 1948, died on Tuesday of a heart attack.

Born in Odessa, Russia, in 1903, Abramowitsch was educated in Germany and came to the U.S. in 1938.

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Wizo volunteers from Herzliya Pituah had visited the two families at their absorption centre. They prepared layettes for the infants and mentioned the incident while doing volunteer work at Beit Heuss, a Wizo centre being used as a convalescent home for recuperating soldiers. The soldiers became interested and collected enough money to buy two baby carriages.

BULOFF STARS IN 'IT'S HARD TO BE A JEW'

Yiddish theatre boom in N.Y.

By DIANA LERNER
Special to The Jerusalem Post

NEW YORK. — THE Yiddish theatre is once more alive and well and enhancing the New York scene.

Last week, "Show Business" Magazine and the New York Drama Desk—an association of dramatists and theatre critics—staged a warm-hearted salute to four Yiddish plays currently having successful runs here. The plays are: "It's Hard to Be a Jew"; "Stempenyu"; "Here Comes the Groom" and "My Mother the General."

Celebrities of the Broadway and Yiddish stage recalled the glories of the '20s, when 12 Yiddish theatres flourished in America, and hailed the current productions as auguring well for an invigorated Yiddish show business era.

The star of the afternoon's tribute was clearly veteran trouper Joseph Buloff, who has stirred audiences around the world for over half a century. He was cited for his work in "It's Hard to be a Jew."

Buloff returned to the Yiddish theatre after 20 years on Broadway, touring Europe, South America and Israel before settling down to his present role at the Eden in the old Second Avenue Yiddish theatre district.

Actors Yeshua Zeides, Morris Adler and Zipora Saidman of the other Sholem Aleichem play, "Stempenyu," who were trained in the Moscow Art Theatre tradition, were also honoured. "Stempenyu," directed by Israel's Shmuel Bunim, with musical score by Israeli composer Dov Seltzer, is produced by the Folksbiene, the Workmen's Circle Players. This year, the Folksbiene, which is soon to celebrate its 60th anniversary, moved from its old quarters on East Broadway to a handsome new theatre in the Central Synagogue on Lexington Avenue.

Tributes were also paid to Leo Fuchs and Evelyn Kingsley of "Here Comes the Groom" and the Bursteins, Pasach and Lillian Lux, who are appearing in "My Mother the General," brought from Israel by producer Isaac Valin.

"Young people are flocking to the Yiddish plays now on in New York," said Zipora Saidman, evidence that the new audiences wanted to become acquainted with Yiddish arts.

MUSIC

YOHANAN BOEHM

IT is somewhat disheartening a musician to give an evening sonatas in a hall too large for numbers attending, with an air-c ditioning unit providing audible ba ground noises, and a piano long p its usefulness on a concert sta This was probably the reason w Michael Rudiakov's performa was rather colourless at the beg ning of his cello recital in Jeru lem's Beit Ha'am (Dec. 29). He w fortunate in having Shoshana diakov (wife of a bassoon-play cousin) as his accompanist, for proved to be a sound pianist an good musician. After Schuman "Phantasiestuecke," Elliott Carp sonata (1948) made interes listening, though, to get full im sion of this work, one should able to hear it in more suitable roundings since its delicate dyna effects and transparent structure mand an appropriate atmosph The cellist warmed up considera to the other two works: Debu Sonata and the Sonata in E m by Brahms giving a satisfying formance in complete interpreta agreement with the pianist. (A liar programme will be presented morrow night at the Tel Aviv seum.)

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THE weekly concert of the salem Symphony Orchestra given this time in the YMCA A torium, where an invited aud provided the foil for the studio ba cast. A newcomer from Ru Shmuel Friedman, substituted Turkish conductor Hikmat Sim who had to cancel his appear owing to illness. He displayed a mising degree of talent and m cianship. A rather insignif Wind Serenade by English comp Arnell provided an opportunity the woodwinds and two horns to form as a group on their own, al ing spirit and proper balance strings took over with a violin certo by Bach, adapted from the h sichord concerto in F, transp into the key of G. Apart from non-Bachian phrases in the violin, this concerto seems very suited for the violin. Yuri Bella played the solo part with tense centration, more in the manner o good orchestra musician than soloist.

Variety was the key-note of programme with the next item Clarinet Concerto by Mozart, Stuart Best as the soloist. A member of the orchestra, Amer clarinettist. Best, was as good a name. Smooth technical runs, balanced registers and a lively formance made his contribution positive in character. With Eighth Symphony by Beethoven ductor Shmuel Friedman came his own and achieved a fully grated performance from the orc tra.

And it shall come to pass,
that as you were a curse among the nations,
O house of Yehuda, and house of Israel;
so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing:
fear not, but let your hands be strong.
These are the things that you shall do;
Speak every man the truth to his neighbour;
execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:
and let none of you devise evil in your hearts against his neighbour...
Zechariah 8 saith the LORD

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CASH ON THE BARREL HEAD

IL TROUBLE FOR SYNTHETIC WORLD

Plastic feels the crunch

W YORK (AP). — This plastic-yester-painted world is in trouble, uble as real as a synthetic sports ket, a record album, or a bottle bleach.

ll of those cheap substitutes the dern world uses to supplant glass, al and natural fibers come from roleum and natural gas.

t least six per cent of a barrel crude oil goes into the making a wide variety of modern estials—fabrics, parts for cars and liances — everything from the yethylene-encased six-pack of beer an airline seat.

oday oil is in short supply — its ts tripling, its future grim.

he shortage of plastics, films, vents and other petrochemical ducts would have occurred even Mideast oil flowed normally today refineries. The Arab embargo ply worsens the problem.

he most vivid case is plastics.

his year, U.S. plastic industry rces report, demand has spurted per cent above last year, but duction — in excess of 20 billion nds — remains the same.

he demand for plastics is estimd at 46 billion pounds by 1980, ether the supply is there or not. ome end-use producers have been d they will get only 80 per cent the plastic raw materials they d last year. Some will go out of siness.

ndustry turned to plastic because was cheaper and easier to fashion n wood, paper, glass and other plies. But manufacturers may e painted themselves into a ner.

Today's shortages stem from a number of problems. The petrochemical industry, faced with price controls on basic items, simply did not build new plants to make those items. There also is a shortage of the feedstocks, the building blocks of plastics and other petrochemicals that come from oil.

The feedstock shortage is directly attributable to refinery priorities. The questions are: "Do you want gasoline or do you want polyethylene film? Do you want natural gas for home heating, or do you want ethane for plastics? Does the farmer want propane to dry his corn, or does he want fertilizer for his fields?"

Modern fabrics — from nylon to polyesters — come from oil.

Richard Silverman of Boston's Crown Clothing Corp. says polyester shortages are just beginning to be felt. The real shortages will occur in the second quarter of 1974, after inventories of polyesters are eaten up. And the consumer will see the result in higher prices and shortages.

Crude oil and natural gas yield some 15 basic feedstocks that are converted eventually into synthetic rubber, synthetic fibers, resins for paints and adhesives, the basic bonding for fiberglass, solvents, detergents, fertilizers, herbicides and plastics.

The plastics famine, with the prospect of more famine, comes after years of overabundance.

Now inventories are down to nothing. The more expensive items that plastics replaced — paper, glass, wood, for example — may again become competitive.

Marketing group to discuss shortage of raw materials

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The problems — and possible solutions — facing developing countries in marketing their raw materials in an era of ever-increasing shortages of such commodities will be a central theme of the "International Conference on Marketing Systems for Developing Countries" opening at the Sheraton Hotel here next Sunday.

This was stated by David Horowitz, former Governor of the Bank of Israel, who has studied problems facing developing countries for many years.

He added that many of these countries, even those who no longer maintain diplomatic relations with Israel, had shown a keen interest in both the Conference and in Israel — since Israel itself is considered a pioneer in bridging the gap between developing and developed countries.

However only two African countries, Kenya and South Africa, are sending delegates. But others are coming from 20 other countries including Nepal, Iran, Turkey, Thailand, Rumania, and several other European states, the U.S. and Canada, several Latin American countries and Australia.

Despite the war, 24 of the 33 foreign lecturers have already confirmed their arrival and others are expected to do so. In all, about 100 visitors are expected from these 22 countries. Of the Israeli lecturers, 15 have already confirmed their attendance with the others who are in the Army making plans to attend.

'WE HAVE RETURNED TO PRE-WAR ILLUSIONS'

Efficiency depends on people

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

Efficiency and productivity are the economists' perennial slogans. They are emphasized especially in time of emergency, when more must be squeezed out of patently inadequate resources. It was therefore natural that an Efficiency and Productivity Committee was set up by the newly established Economic Council.

True to its name, the Committee produced an interim report within a fortnight. But whether much will come out of its effort is another matter.

The report is a candid, honest document, but its straightforward effort only reveals the limitations of the approach adopted. The report contains a number of practical suggestions, but admits that the details — which also vary from case to case — are not as important as the general framework and the economic climate, which are dominated by other factors.

The report does not limit itself to generalities. It stresses that much could be achieved by appropriate fiscal steps and arrangements between the industrial managers and the trade unions: increasing incentives to workers, advancing labour mobility, making our rigid work terms more flexible, attracting pensioners back to work, reducing absenteeism and labour conflicts, and so on. But the initiative lies outside the scope of the field of efficiency; and no action has been forthcoming in these respects, in spite of much talk by official spokesmen.

It is depressing to find that three months after the Yom Kippur disaster, such a report is required in order to state that even though a lot can be done to reduce redundancy and to improve economic performance, things are not moving because of the prevailing complacency.

It is even more distressing when one considers how ready the public has been to undertake an extra effort and to mend its ways. But, by now, the right psychological moment seems to have been lost. Despite the dangers and hardships facing us, we have moved back to the pre-war illusions. Apparently, tough treatment is required to set us straight.

'Japan to supply plastic to Saudia'

TOKYO (AP). — The Government has decided to supply 15,000 metric tons of polyvinyl chloride and other raw materials to be used for plastic manufacturing to Saudi Arabia as "an emergency aid," the newspaper "Nihon Keizai Shimbun" reported yesterday.

Japan will extend the aid under the promises Deputy Prime Minister Takeo Miki made during his visit to Saudi Arabia on a 19-day tour of Arab states last month.

During the tour, Miki explained Japan's Middle East policy and also made promises to the Arab nations about Japanese aid.

Government officials were not available for comment.

FUNDS SENT ABROAD

Shortage of $ banknotes in Lilienblum market

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Cheques in dollars brought only about IL4.60 yesterday in the Lilienblum Street area, a considerable fall in the past few days.

The "dealers" say there has been a shortage recently of actual dollar banknotes, and that some tourists have taken to cashing cheques. The rate for dollar banknotes yesterday was about IL5, about the same as the day before, and the higher rate is credited by dealers as due to two factors: the renewed police raids, and the steady pressure from Arabs in the occupied areas to buy dollars.

The market has reorganized because of the raids, and moved its activity to private homes and offices.

Gold was IL18,000 a kilogram, the D.M. was IL1.85 and the Swiss franc was IL1.55. The French franc, which only a month ago was selling for IL1.10, has lately been going for an even IL1.

The dealers say that for the first time in many years, non-Israelis who have legal dollar accounts in the banks here are beginning to tap them and transfer the money abroad, especially to Chile, and, to some extent, to the Argentine. The dealers point out that following the revolution in Chile, the economic and financial situation in that country has improved considerably, and there is a sharp influx of money from abroad to take advantage of the situation.

In the Argentine, the return of Peron has had a similar effect, although not to the same degree.

For a considerable period, Israel was one of the countries receiving money coming from South America; now, it appears that the situation is being reversed.

1973 WAS DETROIT'S BEST YEAR

U.S. CAR PRODUCTION AT ALL-TIME HIGH

DETROIT (AP). — Despite announcements of lagging car sales during the last part of the year, Detroit's big four on Wednesday reported all-time record production totals for 1973.

Each of the automakers, led by American Motors, scored percentage gains over 1972 North American production totals. In 1973, 13,817,179 units rolled off North American assembly lines, an increase of about 12 per cent over 1972's record of 12,358,631.

American Motors scored a 28 per cent increase in its car and jeep production, which totalled 448,642, up from 350,336 in 1972.

Industry leader General Motors, which built more cars and trucks than Ford, Chrysler and AMC put together last year, reported a 13 per cent increase in production totals despite its elimination of 80,000 cars during December cutbacks.

GM assembled 7,095,431 cars and trucks last year, compared to 6,200,711 units in 1972. GM December car production was down from 1972's 419,297 monthly level to 285,578 last month.

All but AMC reported production decreases in December compared with the same month in 1972. AMC reported a 12 per cent increase to 23,481.

Ford announced production totals of 4,055,882, a six per cent gain over 1972's 3,823,300 total.

Chrysler, with 2,217,224 units assembled, scored a 12 per cent production increase for the year, totalling 232,940 cars and trucks.

MEAT. — U.S. meat imports are expected to increase 15 per cent this year to an estimated 1,575 million pounds, as the result of a decision by the Nixon Administration to keep the door open to foreign beef. The estimate was announced on Wednesday by Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz.

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Americans feel their talents under-utilized

By JUDY SIEGEL
Special to The Jerusalem Post

Forty young adults from the U.S. and Canada met this week with 73 of their Israeli contemporaries and concluded that their talents are being seriously under-utilized for the benefit of Israel.

Spurred on by the young guard of several Israeli political parties, the Youth Leadership Division of the World Zionist Organization invited the up-and-coming intellectuals, businessmen and professionals to visit Israel for eight days. The aim of the discussions, which ended at Jerusalem's Tadmor School last night, was to find ways of cultivating a young Zionist leadership abroad and to make personal and practical contacts between Israeli and Diaspora Jewry.

Hardly a homogeneous or like-minded group, the visitors ranged from a 30-year-old wholesole shoe salesman to a long-haired teacher of Jewish consciousness at a California university and a lawyer-lobbyist for American consumer advocate Ralph Nader.

"We Americans have so much more to give than just money," the young lawyer told his Israeli counterparts. "Informal and non-traditional channels must be opened up between the two sides. If we had contacts here who would give us a shopping list of things the country could use and report when they arrived, we'd begin to minimize Israel's feeling of isolation from the outside world."

Knesset Member Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir (NRP) agreed that young Jews are not being adequately mobilized to help Israel. "The reason," he explained, "is that they feel alienated from status quo institutions like the Presidents' Conference, that don't represent them and are not encouraging young leaders to help with the job."

"I don't think most young Americans know much about Israel or even feel close to her," interjected Eliot Shimoff, who teaches psychology at the University of Maryland. "How many can name a few of her political parties or describe her way of life?"

Uri Gordon, Israeli chairman of the Young Leadership of the World Labour Zionist Movement, added that the information gap exists on both sides. "Our parents had strong ties with the outside world because many of them were immigrants. But there is a danger that the new generation of sabras will grow up in Israel with no ties to Diaspora Jewry."

He urged the formation of a worldwide, non-party movement of young Zionists who would advocate a programme of aliya, volunteerism, the study of Hebrew and meaningful Jewish education.

During the course of the day-long session, the Israelis and Americans exchanged names and addresses, promising to keep in contact and to ensure that the youthful dialogue would blossom into practical help for the State of Israel.

WALL STREET

For technical reasons we were not able to present a New York stock market report today.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

TOKYO. — Japan will offer Iran and Iraq substantial loans in return for assured supplies of petroleum products and liquified petroleum gas, the financial newspaper "Nihon Keihai" said yesterday.

The offer will be made by Minister of International Trade and Industry Yasuhiro Nakasone during a tour of the two Middle East countries starting next week.

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NEW YORK. — The shortage of aviation fuel has forced airlines in the U.S. to cut down on the use of their jumbo jets. American Airlines announced yesterday that from January 7 it would ground 10 of its 16 Boeing-747 planes for an indefinite period because of reduced fuel allocations.

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CALGARY, Canada. — Service Station operators along the Canada-U.S. border say a steadily increasing number of Americans are taking advantage of Alberta's rich supply of gasoline.

L AVIV STOCKS

Bond demand continues

Jerusalem Post Reporter

L AVIV. — Index-linked bonds tinued to be in demand yester-, with some of them rising by and three points. This is the ond consecutive day they have n considerably. The turnover in ds was IL6,553,800.

Market leaders like IDB, Bank umi, ILDA and Clal investment, nained firm, at their former ces respectively 147.5 (39,000 nover), 249 (11,000), 158 (14,000), 15 (25,000).

Rassco rose by 1.5 to 60 with a turnover of 7,000. (There were rumours yesterday that Rassco was going to be sold to another company.)

The turnover in stocks was IL688,200.

The Natad Dollar rose by point to IL4.81 yesterday, and the turnover was $196,000.

The Stock Exchange Index rose 0.27 per cent.

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BENTURES			
NKED TO THE			
OLLAR			
Dead Sea Junior	r	239	246.2
Electric Corp. A	r	134.5	134.5
Electric Corp. B	r	146.6	148.5
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ta 1965, Index 110.1	b	254.5	354.5
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ahon 1969, Series 41	b	195.7	200.7
OMMERCIAL BANKS			
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ar Hityashvut	r	222	219.5
.B. pref.	r	177	177
.B. Bankholding	r	147.5	147.5
ion Bank	r	281	281
ael British Bank	b	295	298
scount Bank "A"	r	436	432
ited Mizrahi Bank	b	135.5	133
nk Hapoalim—10%	b	319	318
nk Leumi—"A"	r	249	249
ORTGAGE BANKS			
a. Mortgage Bank	b	202	201
rmel Mortg. & Inv.	b	127.5	124
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v. & Mortg. Bank	b	237	237
oming Mortg. Bank	b	169	169
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ERVICES & UTILITIES			
tor House	b	67	66
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ld Storage—IL10	r	143	143
ael Electric Corp.	r	53	53
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D CITRUS			
Azorim	r	180	180
Africa Isr. IL10	r	256.5	255
Isr. Land Dev.	b	158	158
Solel Boneh—10%	b	126	133.5
Property & Build.	r	182.5	181
Isras	b	140	140
Mehadrin	r	160.5	150.5
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	r	82	81
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	135	135
Neot Aviv	r	61	60
Pri Or Ltd.	r	156.5	157
Rassco—8%	r	73	71.5
Rassco—O.	r	60	58.5
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	483	600
Elco—2.5	b	97	97.5
Electra—5.	r	182.5	180.5
"Argaman"—8%	b	285	285
"Ata"—C	r	108	110
Dubek	b	317	312.5
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	167.5	167
Teva	b	1125	1160
Chem. & Phophates	r	53	53
Lewin Epstein	b	61.5	50
Moller Textile	r	170	170
Phonecia—8%	b	85.5	85.5
Paper Mills	r	256	257
Assis "B"	r	205	205
Nechustan	b	235	242
Shemen—8%	b	121	120.5
"Taal" Plywood	b	166	164
Elite (A)		269	268.5
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
Elgar	b	72.5	71.5
Ellern	b	142.5	139
Israel Central Trade	r	196	196
Bank Hapoalim	b	226	226
Paz	b	90.5	91.5
Wolfson IL10	b	86	84.5
Ampa	r	110	110
Discount Bank	b	190	189
United Mizrahi	b	99.5	99.5
Bank Leumi	r	180	180
Piryon Investment	r	88.5	86
Hassuta-For. Trade	r	78	78
Export Bank	b	57.5	58
Clal Investment	r	180.5	190.5
Clal Industries	r	179	180
FUEL & OIL			
Naphta OTC	r	64	60
Lapidoth OTC	r	127.5	125

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French Fr.	483½/484½	per $
French Fin.	4.97½/4.98½	per $
Lire	621/623	per $
Belgian Fr.	42.18/23	per $
Dutch Fl.	2.8740/60	per $
Yen	280.75/90	per $
Gold price:	$118/120	

FORWARD RATES

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DAYAN'S MISSION TO WASHINGTON

DEFENCE Minister Moshe Dayan's meeting today with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is expected to mark a significant forward step toward working out an agreement on the disengagement of Israeli and Egyptian forces.

Reports from Geneva on the technical military talks that have been taking place on the issue have been optimistic, and, less than a fortnight ago, Mr. Dayan himself said publicly that the chances were good that an agreement could be worked out.

The relative optimism stems from Israel's readiness to pull back its forces to the passes east of the Suez Canal, which would also put them beyond artillery range of the waterway.

This proposal would enable the Egyptians to reopen the Canal, rebuild their Canal cities and, of course, free their trapped Third Army. It would also defuse the war-like situation which now exists at the Canal front.

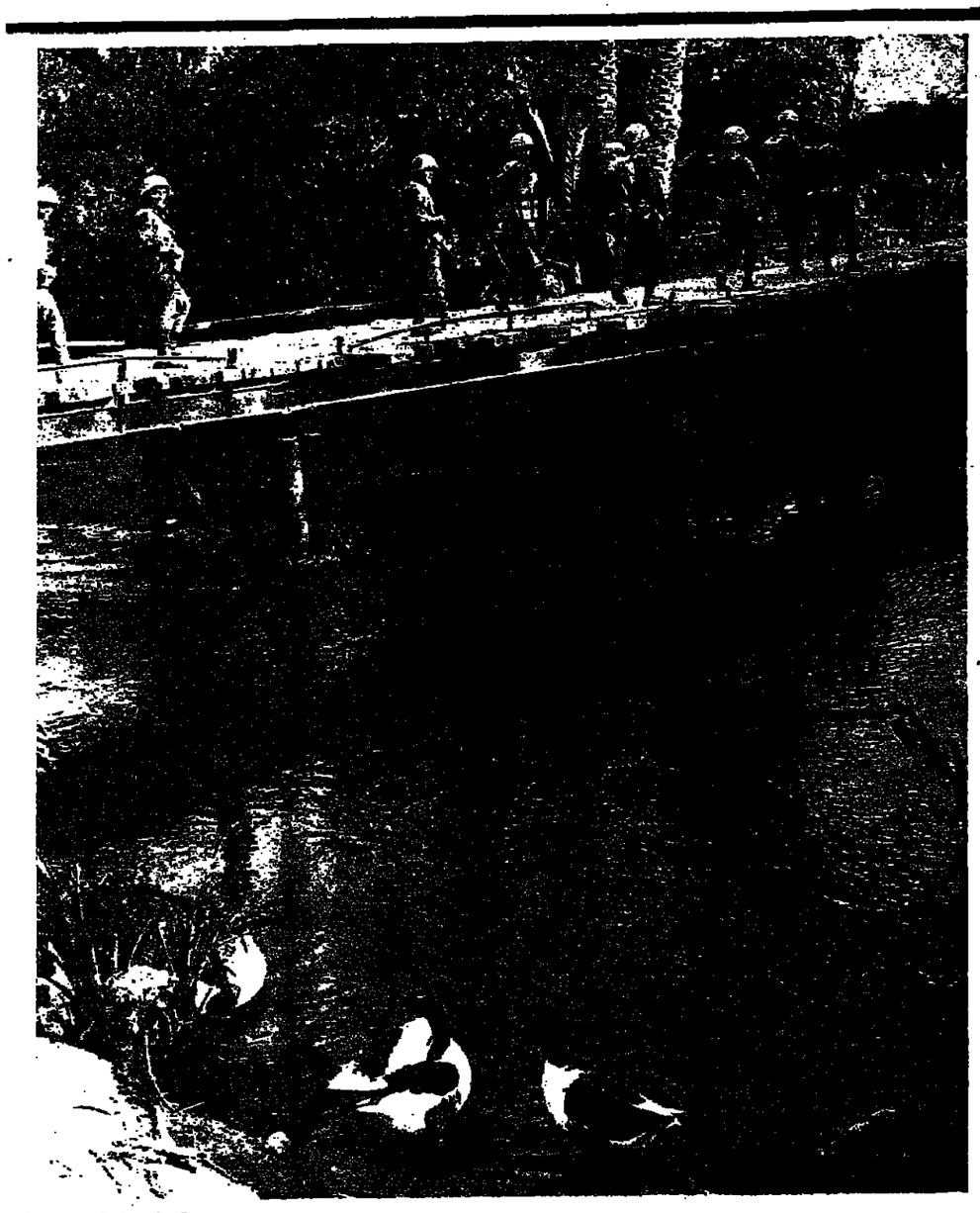
Only if such defusing occurs is there any reason for Israel to engage in the withdrawal. For there is no intention to pull back merely in order to permit the Egyptians to have a more advantageous position from which to launch a renewed attack.

Thus the real diplomatic effort is not so much in defining the nature of Israel's withdrawal but in assuring that such a withdrawal will indeed bring about the goals that are sought.

Here various means might be deployed, and this is presumably a subject that Mr. Dayan will seek to air in Washington. Some of the devices that have been mentioned are a U.N. corridor between the Egyptian and Israeli lines east of the Canal, and mutual Israeli and Egyptian inspection teams.

Since all the parties have an interest in a disengagement agreement — including the U.S., which would see it as a major diplomatic triumph, and the Soviet Union, whihc would view a reopened Canal as a major strategic gain — there is good reason to assume that progress can be made.

But in the end all will depend upon Egyptian intentions. If Egypt is indeed prepared to lower tensions and bring back normal civilian life to the Canal area, then the way to an agreement could be clear.



On patrol in Goshen. (Israel Sun)

DIPLOMATIC ROW IN ROME

Gaddafi fumes, Fiat flutters

ROME (AP). — An article ridiculing Libyan strongman Muammar Gaddafi in the Turin daily paper "La Stampa" has embroiled Fiat, Italy's huge automaker and the paper's owner, in a bitter controversy with the Arabs.

According to Fiat sources, the Arab Boycott Committee has asked Fiat to fire the paper's Jewish director or face the boycott of its products and the nationalization of Fiat properties in Arab countries.

Also the Italian Government got involved in the controversy when Gaddafi threatened to break diplomatic relations with Italy unless Rome authorities talked Fiat into bowing to Libyan demands, according to a report in Rome's leading weekly "L'Espresso."

What seemed obvious was the embarrassment on the part of both Fiat and the government that a newspaper article could stir such a reaction from the Libyans.

Another Fiat source confirmed the "Espresso" report that Gianni Agnelli, Fiat president, travelled from Turin to Rome to try to discuss the issue with the Libyan ambassador, but the ambassador kept him waiting and finally declined to meet him.

"La Stampa's" director, Arrigo Levi, was not available for comment. A spokesman said he had left on vacation and was not available.

Levi, one of Italy's leading journalists, became director of the prestigious Turin paper early in 1973. In 1947, he joined the Israeli army as a volunteer and fought against the Arabs.

The article which irked Gaddafi was published on December 6. It was signed by Carlo Fruttero and Franco Lucentini, a novel-writing team who occasionally contribute articles to various papers and magazines.

They described Gaddafi as the "overbearing man with a club," the sham-mystical dictator." Re ferring to his reluctance to me the press and make his privat life known, the two authors liste a series of wild and contradictor assumptions about his personalit

"La Stampa" was one of th four European papers to whic Gaddafi agreed to grant a muc publicized interview and roun table debate in Paris six week ago.

Fruttero and Lucentini sa that newsmen had had to wa six hours — until midnight only to be told later that th interview had been postponed the morning after. They sa Gaddafi thus showed he behave somehow similarly to Elizabet Taylor when she is running awa from reporters.

They also described Gaddafi "Arab Socialism" as "one those doctrines which a boy 10 could easily refute."

The Libyan Embassy in Rom wrote a protest letter to "L Stampa" accusing the paper anti-Arab race discrimination a of having fallen to the level an "immoral publication."

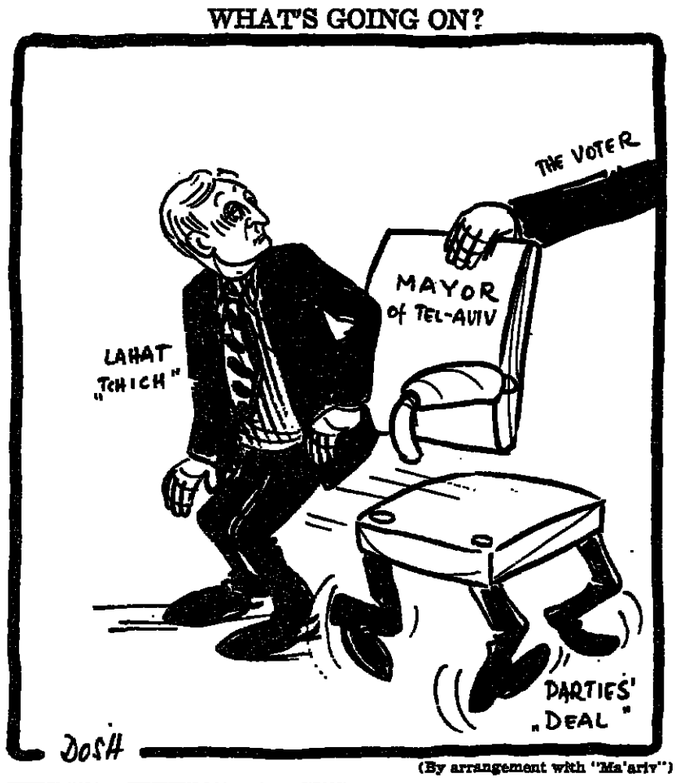
The paper published the lett alongside a reply by Frutte and Lucentin, who described "ridiculous the half-diplomatic cident caused by novel write with a humorous article."

A few days later, according "L'Espresso," the Italian ambas sador in Tripoli informed the Fo eign Ministry in Rome that Ga dafi wanted Fruttero and Luce tini fired from "La Stampa."

But, the report said, once Libyans found out that the authors are not on "La Stampa staff, the Arab Boycott Comm tee moved in and demand Levi's layoff.

Fiat export sales of cars a tractors to Arab countries w estimated at more than 30 lion lire or $48 million in 19 about half of which went to Lib

WHAT'S GOING ON?



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ISRAEL PRESS

Dayan meets Kissinger

Ha'aretz (non-party) says the resumption of the Geneva talks on separation of forces offers a good opportunity for Israel to deepen her understanding of U.S. policy and "reach the maximum operative co-ordination with the leaders of the administration." This is the reason for Moshe Dayan's meeting with Henry Kissinger. The paper "fails to understand Egypt's opposition to a significant thinning out of its forces in exchange for Israeli withdrawal from west of the Canal. If the purpose of the separation of forces is to lessen the danger of a resumption of hostilities, thinning out of forces can only help achieve this." The paper concludes by hoping Dayan's talks in Washington will not be confined to matters directly affecting Egypt, but will also "examine possibilities of a settlement with Jordan and the problem of representation of the terrorists at the talks. Though it might be simpler to concentrate on one subject only, now is the time for a comprehensive political initiative. The present contacts in Washington offer a good opportunity to employ political imagination and to work for a settlement that Israel could live with."

Hatzofe (National Religious) says that in view of the deadlock at the military talks "the need arose for a meeting at the highest level with the chief patron of the cease-fire — Henry Kissinger." At the same time, the Egyptian Foreign Minister has gone to Moscow to seek more backing for his intransigent stand. If Israel were to accept Egypt's refusal to thin out its forces "Israel would face the danger of further Egyptian dictates, which even those who are ready for far-reaching territorial concessions could not countenance." In this delicate situation, the decision cannot be taken by an interim government. This highlights the need for the broadest possible parliamentary base for the new coalition.

Davar (Histadrut) discussing Cairo's insistence on unilateral withdrawal on Israel's part, concludes "reciprocity must be the basic line of the talks. Egypt's attempts to intimidate Israel cannot make her abandon this principle which is vital to Israel and basically just. Israel is prepared for give and take — that is the real meaning of negotiations."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) says that all parties to the Geneva Conference agreed that the outcome of the Israeli elections had a vital impact on the continuation of the talks. "The voter has given the Government a mandate to continue the talks. He has given a majority to the parties that made up the previous government. Though it may take some time to form a new coalition, the elections have confirmed anew Israel's participation in the Geneva peace talks on the basis of Security Council Resolutions nos. 242, 338 and 339."

Ma'ariv (non-party) points out that Mr. Dayan's trip conforms to the "Kissinger scenario" agreed upon before the Geneva talks opened. Mrs. Meir's choice of Mr. Dayan emphasizes the domestic-political importance attaching to this mission.

Yediot Aharonot (non-party) says our region once again finds itself engaged in a war of attrition, declared on Israel by Egypt immediately after the cease-fire, in order to bring about a withdrawal of forces by Israel alone. Egypt is staunchly backed by the Russians, who are consistent in their threats of renewing the shooting. This is the atmosphere in which Mr. Dayan, during his stay in Washington, will endeavour to prevent the Geneva talks from foundering. "It is doubtful, however, whether, in the face of such total pressure on us—which is not countered by adequate resistance — this trip will help to save the situation."

FOREIGN PRESS

Kuwait's refusal to try murderers

A "New York Times" editorial yesterday said: "As the Government of Kuwait continues to resist worldwide demands for a proper trial of the five Arab terrorists who murdered 32 innocent persons in recent criminal acts of air piracy, an international agreement to deal with such obstruction of justice becomes more urgent than ever.

"... Attempts by the International Civil Aviation Organization to deal with the problem have been persistently sabotaged by a line-up of Arab and African nations, abetted and supported by France and the USSR."

Readers' letters

SABBATH OBSERVER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Moshe Kohn misses the main significance of Transport Minister Shimon Peres' remark about "altering the image of the Sabbath in Israel" ("Politics and the carless Sabbath," Personal Opinion, your issue of Dec. 28). The remarkable fact is that despite the huge "captive audience" who were, one way or another, bamboozled into choosing Saturday as their dry day without being Sabbath observers, some 70 per cent of the Israeli public opted for the alternative, notwithstanding the inconvenience of having to get to work one day a week by other means. The fact is thus plainly confirmed that no matter what some might like to believe, this country has some 80-90 per cent Sabbath *non-observers* (assuming that car owners are a representative sample of the population).

This further implies that all other bans on Sabbath activities (travel, cultural events, etc.) are forced upon the vast majority of the population by the religious parties. Yet Moshe Kohn appears to imply that the prevention of "domestic strife" somehow seems to justify the perpetuation of the obscenity euphemistically referred to as the status quo, but which in reality is the regrettable capability of religious parties to prevent the introduction of enlightened legislation.

Only a contorted mind can conjure up hopes that "heavenly grace" will shine upon him — as one religious leader recently put it — by preventing parents from taking their children to the beach on their one free day, relatives from visiting injured soldiers in hospitals, or volunteer mailmen from delivering urgent telegrams. Likewise, one must be worse than naive to regard automobiles as beasts of burden that must be given a day of rest. Moshe Kohn thus might extend his good offices to persuading his fellow Sabbath observers to respect the majority's ways of honouring the day of rest no less than the majority respect theirs.

DR. ARYEH SEKEY

Tel Aviv, December 31.

MOSHE KOHN COMMENTS:

Dr. Sekey writes like one of those "nervous civil-libertarians" I referred to in my columns of November 15 and December 28 on the subject of the carless day. Otherwise, why does he think that the 30 per cent of Israelis who chose Saturday as their dry day were a "captive audience" who were "bamboozled" into doing so? Come on, Dr. Sekey, tell us who was standing around at the post office two weeks ago capturing and bamboozling all those freedom-loving drivers when they came to get their dry-day stickers.

And where does Dr. Sekey get his "80-90 per cent of Sabbath non-observers," when some 15 per cent of the electorate voted for the Orthodox parties, the votes given to the Alignment, Likud, League, Independent Liberals and Civil Rights lists included many thousands more Sabbath observers, and the 20 per cent who did not vote also included thousands of Sabbath observers. This is a far more representative sample of the population than the car registry, and there are no grounds whatever for assuming that car owners are a representative sample of the population.

Dr. Sekey seems to scorn the objective of avoiding unnecessary domestic strife: he considers a delicately worked out and gingerly observed — with much stress in all directions — status quo on religious matters in Israel as an "obscenity."

THANK YOU, UNCLE SAM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — To paraphrase Winston Churchill, "Never have so few received so much from so many!" I am referring, of course, to the recent decision of the U.S. Government (Congress and President) to provide two billion dollars in aid to Israel. Thus, every man, woman and child in Israel is receiving over $700. Particularly since the end of World War II, the U.S. has been known for its largesse, but never to this degree.

We here in Israel are proud that we always pay our debts, hence, we now have a new obligation of about $300 per person for the part which is a loan or credit — a sobering realization that should cause both our Government and us individually to tighten up our belts and act accordingly. And those long-faced "doubting Thomases" in our midst must recognize that actions speak louder than words; every action of the U.S. Government has been that of a true friend, regardless of the convoluted social and political processes through which the decisions have been reached. As of this date, every Israeli can only say: "Thank you Uncle Sam. Thank you, Senator Jackson. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. America!"

ARTHUR E. HOFFMAN
Colonel, U.S.A.F. (Ret.)

Jerusalem, December 31.

THANKS TO TOURISTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We would like to thank, through your column, the tourists who sent us gift packages through the Israeli Government Food Ltd. of Lod Airport.

Needless to say how welcome the packages have been to us, stationed so far away from home. It is good to know so many people care.

AMI ELBILIA

Sinai, December 23.

LIFTS TO SOLDIERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I came to Israel during the war to stay with my daughter, and have the most profound respect and admiration for the bravery and stamina of your soldiers and the stoicism of your people.

However, one thing has left me completely bewildered. Whenever possible, I have gone on tours with Egged, both from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. At most, there were a dozen people on any tour. Yet these almost empty buses do not stop to give soldiers lifts. Both the drivers and the tourists would like to do so, and the tourists are left with a mixed feeling of disgust and guilt that they are sitting in comfort whilst the soldiers are left standing at the roadside, frequently in rain or inclement weather. We have been given an assortment of reasons, ranging from bus company policy to insurance problems in case of accidents. This situation seems indefensible and inexcusable, whatever the bureaucratic reasons behind it.

JOYCE AUSTOKNE

Ramat Hasharon (Johannesburg), December 27.

TEXACO PROPAGANDA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I recently received a booklet which was sent to me by Texaco Inc. With all that has been said about the oil corporations and their strong anti-Israel involvement, I think that there is still room for denouncement of Texaco's propaganda "Balancing Regulation and Energy." This booklet was published before the Yom Kippur War, but reflects the attitude that what is good for the Arabs is good for the oil companies and therefore good for the world. This propaganda which was sent to thousands of American university professors, lecturers and instructors, should be publicly denounced.

CHAIM KROPACH

Eilat, December 26.

BEN-GURION STREET

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The time has finally arrived, I believe, to rename King George Street in Jerusalem. With the recent passing away of David Ben-Gurion, the architect of the modern State of Israel, it would be most fitting and appropriate to have this main thoroughfare renamed in his honour.

Also, Allenby Street in Tel Aviv could be fittingly renamed in David Ben-Gurion's memory.

TZVI (HERSHEL) TOREM

Jerusalem, December 28.

Sir, — May I suggest that Allenby Street in Tel Aviv and Haifa be renamed Ben-Gurion Street. These two streets are important enough so that the name of the founder of the State won't be diminished. On the other hand, it is high time that we got rid of those remains of British colonial rule and start honouring a national hero instead of a foreigner.

BENJAMIN DOUKARSKY

Jerusalem, December 15.

JEWS IN ARAB LANDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I feel that the suffering of Jews in Arab countries has not been given sufficient world wide publicity. Now that the Government of Israel is starting a campaign to show the world a little of what has been done to Israeli prisoners-of-war, the opportunity might be taken to stress that it is not only the Israeli soldiers who have suffered at the hands of the Arabs but also their own citizens, Jews from their countries, who were born there and lived there for many generations.

It is ironical that the Egyptians talk about their Arabs in Israel, who of course live better now than ever before, while the Israeli Government is silent about the Jews in Arab lands who are really suffering.

S. SPECTOR

Jerusalem, December 12.

NORWEGIAN SUPPO

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Po

Sir, — As a student of hist do not hesitate to predict that this epoch is reviewed and app at some future date, the rebi Israel will stand out as the go and most glorious event of th tury.

Like all crucial turns in hi the reconstruction of the J State on its old soil canno achieved without struggle, blo suffering, and — indeed — so justice. The Yom Kippur W only part of this pattern.

As a European friend of Isr often feel sick at heart when I the European lack of knowl and understanding, and their memory about events in the M East. The European of today to be more concerned abou filthy oil problem, his standa living and his barren mate For some years European o has been effectively thwart leftist propaganda, aided — a by returning UNTSO generals have enthusiastically offered patent "solutions" to all the lems in the area.

Something must be done to the eyes of the Europeans bef is too late. I am afraid tha *real* friends in this part of the are woefully few. This can and be changed. But for the time the people of Israel are to alone with their great historical

May you keep your spiri strength, whatever happens neva, on the battlefields, or where.

ARNE HA

Major General, Norwegian

Bodo, Norway, December 26.

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